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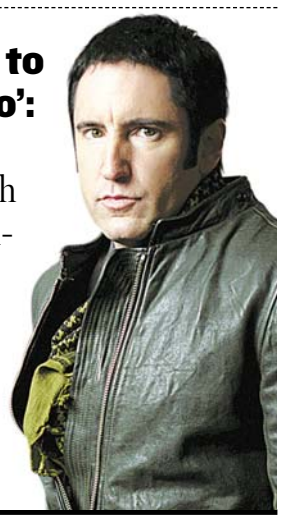

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Gonzales Hit With Subpoena

House panel demands more documents on attorney firings

WASHINGTON | Democrats subpoenaed Attorney General Alberto Gonzales on Tuesday for more documents, escalating their fight with the Bush administration over the firings of eight U.S. attorneys.

The subpoena, issued a week before Gonzales is to testify under oath before Congress about the dismissals, seeks hundreds of documents either withheld or heavily blacked out by his department. The subpoena sets a Monday deadline for Gonzales to produce the documents.

"We have been patient in allowing the department to work through its concerns regarding the sensitive nature of some of these materials," House Judiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers, D-Mich., wrote in a letter accompanying the subpoena. "Unfortunately, the department has not indicated any meaningful willingness to find a way to meet our legitimate needs."

He characterized the subpoena as a last resort after weeks of negotiations with Justice over documents and e-mails the committee wants in its pursuit of whether any of the firings were improper.

Gonzales

Justice spokesman Brian Roehrkasse stopped short of saying the department would fight the subpoena. But he said legal concerns about violating privacy rights have kept the Justice Department from releasing them. LAURIE KELLMAN (AP)

DNA Shows Birkhead Fathered Smith's Baby

CHRISTINE AYLEN/AP

'I TOLD YOU SO': A jubilant Larry Birkhead reacts Tuesday after DNA tests confirmed he is the father of Anna Nicole Smith's infant daughter. "I told you so," remarked the late model's former boyfriend following a paternity hearing in the Bahamas. ✣ **Stern reaction:** Lawyer won't fight for custody | **Page 3**

COINCIDENCE | **Consensual Text** A man who dreamed a mobile phone number is now married to its owner, London's Daily Mail reported. After waking up with an unfamiliar number in his head, David Brown sent a text asking "Did I meet you last night?" The phone number was Michelle Kitson's, and they'd never laid eyes on each other before. She texted him back, though, and soon they were exchanging calls, letters and visits. "It was really weird," said Kitson, "but I was absolutely hooked." (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | **Page 2**

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SURVEILLANCE

Big Brother Is Smelling You

Ogden, Utah, is considering creating a committee to sniff out objectionable odors — specifically those emanating from a nearby pet food factory. "Stench is not the lasting memory that we want people to have in Ogden," said chief administrator John Patterson. Using a device called an olfactometer, the four-person panel would determine when odors have reached objectionable levels. Violators would be fined $125 to $500. (AP)

TICKETS

First, He Flirted With Himself, Then Cried

Sheriff Dennis Kocken didn't have to write himself a ticket. But he says it was the right thing to do. "As sheriff, I'm held to the highest standard in law enforcement. How can I hold officers accountable if I don't hold myself accountable?" said the Green Bay, Wis., policeman. Kocken issued himself a ticket March 27 for an unsafe lane change, three weeks after he had rear-ended a suspected speeder. "It kept bothering me," he said. The ticket carries a $160.80 fine that Kocken said he fully intends to pay. (AP)

MARK GARFINKEL/BOSTON HERALD/AP

SAD

Dino Down

The beloved Tyrannosaurus mascot of a Saugus, Mass., miniature golf course has survived hurricanes and blizzards. It took vicious vandals to fell the 20-foot-tall fiberglass monster this past week, the Boston Herald reported. But hope lives on: "Jesus Christ rose from the dead and so will that dinosaur," owner Diana Fay declared on Easter Sunday. (EXPRESS)

DISTURBING

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U.S. Army veteran and cancer survivor Russell Parsons says he is not afraid to die — and he has the tattoo to prove it. Tattooed on his right arm are instructions to the funeral home where he has a prepaid cremation: "Barlow Bonsall cook @ 1700-1800 for 2 to 3 hours." "It's a recipe," the 67-year-old said. "I'm not afraid of death. I'm afraid of life ... afraid of living and not being able to take care of myself." Parsons said the artist who gave him his first and only tattoo said the request was among the craziest he had received in 22 years. (AP)

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The Report proves its accuracy by quoting specific local instances in which the technique it describes has sold homes time after time, quickly, efficiently, and at a favorable price.

The author of the report, noted realtor Frank Sanya, has made numerous appearances on both television and radio. Mr. Sanya states that the Report represents the compendium of his many years of real estate experience and can be of substantial value to homeowners, especially those whose homes have been on the market unsold for a considerable period of time. The author emphasizes that although he does not accept every listing, by following the Report's procedures he accomplishes a sale in every instance in which he is the broker of record.

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GEORGIA BREACH: A computer disk containing the names and Social Security numbers of 2.9 million Medicaid and children's health care recipients is missing, Georgia health officials said Tuesday. The CD was being shipped to Maryland when it was lost.

Nation

In Brief

LAWRENCE JACKSON/AP

Director of National Intelligence Mike McConnell is circulating a security bill.

WASHINGTON

Intelligence Director Seeks Broader Surveillance Power

President Bush's spy chief is pushing to expand the government's surveillance authority. National Intelligence Director Mike McConnell has circulated a draft bill that would expand the government's powers under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, liberalizing how that law can be used.

The changes McConnell is seeking mostly affect a cloak-and-dagger category of warrants used to investigate suspected spies, terrorists and other security threats. (AP)

CHICAGO

Teens Hospitalized After Handgun Fires in Classroom

CHICAGO | Two teens playing with a handgun inside a Chicago classroom were shot in the leg after a bullet discharged, striking both of them, police said. The Chicago Fire Department took the teens to local hospitals in "critical/serious" condition, spokeswoman Eve Rodriguez said. (AP)

Birkhead Is Father of Smith's Child

Contentious custody battle may be settled by DNA test results

NASSAU, BAHAMAS | DNA tests prove it: Larry Birkhead is the father of Anna Nicole Smith's million-dollar baby.

"I told you so!" the late Playboy Playmate's former boyfriend said Tuesday upon emerging from a closed court hearing. He added: "My baby's going to be coming home pretty soon."

Birkhead, a 34-year-old California photographer, then hugged his rival, Howard K. Stern, who has been caring for baby Dannielynn since Smith's sudden death in February.

The hearing was a pivotal moment in the battle over who gets custody of the girl, who could inherit a fortune from the estate of Smith's late husband, J. Howard Marshall II. Although Birkhead is the father, Stern's name is on the birth certificate. Another custody hearing was scheduled for Friday.

TIM AYLEN/AP

Larry Birkhead, right, shakes hands with DNA expert Michael Baird after a hearing in Nassau, Bahamas. Birkhead is the father of Anna Nicole Smith's daughter.

Stern, who was Smith's lawyer and later became her companion, said he wouldn't fight for custody, but a lawyer for Smith's mother, Virgie Arthur, indicated she might. The judge scheduled another hearing for Friday in the pink colonial courthouse to discuss who will raise the girl, who could inherit hundreds of millions of dollars.

Stern said he loved the baby despite the DNA results and would support Birkhead.

Stern

"I'm obviously very disappointed, but my feelings for Dannielynn have not changed," he said, adding of Birkhead: "I'm going to do whatever I can to make sure he gets sole custody."

Birkhead had been fighting for custody of Dannielynn even before Smith's death.

"Nothing's been determined except parentage and I'm the father," Birkhead said. "It's been a long road and I'm just happy to have this behind me." (AP)

HEARSAY | CRIME

"We're concerned that this is not over yet. We've been overwhelmed with these possibilities."

—IDAHO SHERIFF GARY RANEY, WHO IS INVESTIGATING A STRING OF MURDERS LINKED TO 21-YEAR-OLD JOHN JOSEPH DELLING. DELLING IS IN JAIL AND ACCUSED OF SHOOTING THREE PEOPLE DURING A 6,500-MILE ROAD TRIP ACROSS THE WEST.

Juvenile Prison Officials Indicted

MONAHANS, TEXAS | The former principal and assistant superintendent of a state juvenile prison were indicted Tuesday on charges that they sexually abused teenage inmates in their care.

The charges are the most serious to emerge from the youth prison scandal that erupted after news accounts revealed a 2005 report by the Texas Rangers alleging rampant sexual abuse at the remote facility languished without any action.

Ray E. Brookins, former assistant superintendent at the Texas Youth Commission's West Texas State School, was indicted on two counts of improper relationship with a student and two counts of improper sexual activity with a person in custody.

Former Principal John Paul Hernandez was indicted on one count of sexual assault, nine counts of improper sexual activity with a person in custody and nine counts of improper relationship between a student and educator.

Improper relationship with a student is a second-degree felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

Brookins and Hernandez were accused of sexually abusing six inmates ages 16 to 19. (AP)

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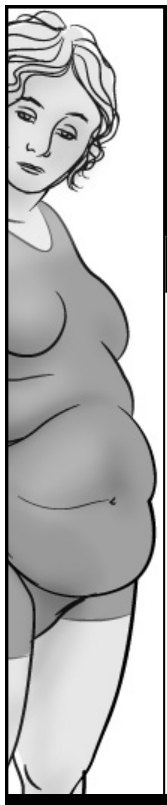

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Bush Wants Iraq Meeting

President requests talk with Democrats, rules out negotiations

WASHINGTON | President Bush said Tuesday he wants to talk with Democrats about the standoff over war funding, but he made it clear he will not embrace any timetable for a U.S. troop withdrawal.

Democrats questioned the point of a meeting if the president won't negotiate.

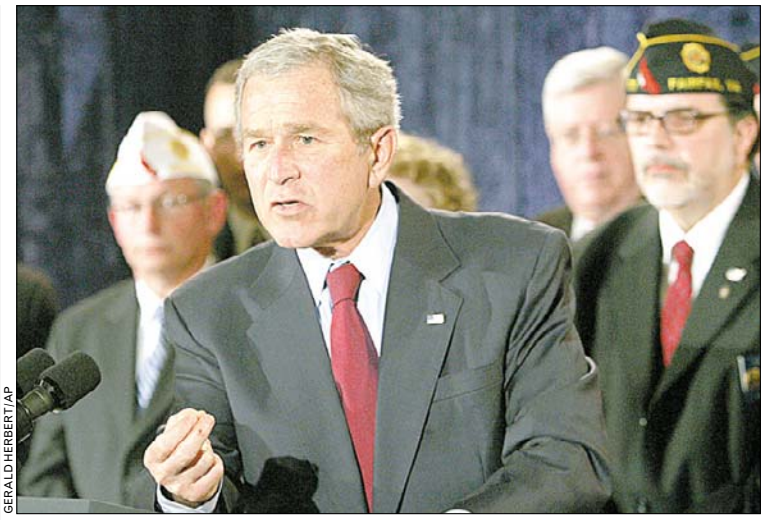
"We can discuss the way forward on a bill that is a clean bill — a bill that funds our troops without artificial timetables for withdrawal, and without handcuffing our generals on the ground," Bush said in a speech to an American Legion audience in nearby Fairfax, Va.

On one hand, Bush extended an offer to meet with lawmakers Tuesday. On the other, the White House bluntly said it would not be a negotiating session.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi reacted coolly to Bush's offer.

"Congressional Democrats are willing to meet with the president at any time, but we believe that any discussion of an issue as critical as Iraq must be accomplished by conducting serious negotiations without any preconditions," they said in a joint statement.

Bush said the Defense Department will soon send Congress a request to transfer $1.6 billion from other military accounts to cover funding for troops — a move needed, he said, because lawmakers have delayed his emergency spending request. DEB RIECHMANN (AP)

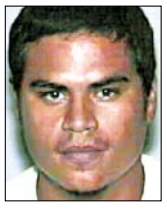


GERALD HERBERT/AP

President Bush remarks on the Iraq war on Tuesday at American Legion Post 177 in Fairfax, Va. Bush proposed talks with Democrats about an Iraq funding bill.

Terror Charges Against Padilla Move Forward

MIAMI | A federal judge rejected a motion by alleged al-Qaeda operative Jose Padilla to dismiss terrorism charges against him over claims he was tortured in U.S. military custody.



Padilla

In the order filed late Monday, U.S. District Judge Marcia Cooke stressed that she was not passing judgment on the torture allegations. She said the effort to dismiss the case for "outrageous government conduct" was faulty on legal grounds.

She warned that the torture allegations could become relevant during Padilla's trial if prosecutors seek to use evidence gathered from him during his years in isolation at a Navy brig. (AP)

Stem Cell Legislation Facing Another Veto

Popular bill moving through Congress for second straight year

WASHINGTON | Senate supporters of embryonic stem cell research refused to take another no for an answer Tuesday, advancing politically popular legislation that is assured of passage, yet doomed for the second straight year to a veto that Congress cannot override.

"This bill eventually will become law," vowed Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., as debate opened on a bill to loosen federal funding restrictions on research that supporters say offers hope for treatment of numerous diseases.

"If not this year then next year. If not next year then the following year."

Assuredly not this year.

Feinstein

President Bush, who cast the only veto of his tenure on a stem cell bill in 2006, quickly made it clear this year will be no different. The bill "would use federal taxpayer dollars to support and encourage the destruction of human life for research," the White House said.

The bill's supporters concede they are short of the votes needed to override a veto, but appeared eager to confront the president again on the issue.

"If we did everything based on veto threats by the president, we would never get anything done around here," said Jim Manley, a spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada. (AP)

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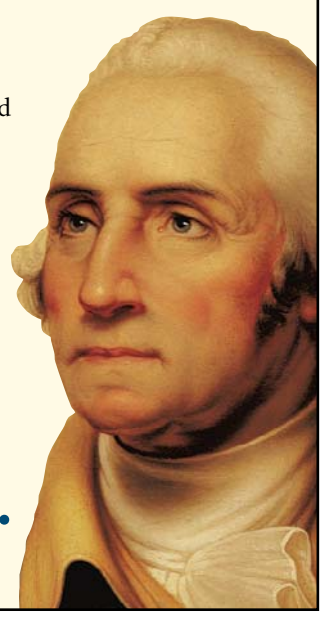

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Diabetes Procedure Shows Promise

Young patients able to ditch insulin after stem cell transplants

CHICAGO | Thirteen young diabetics in Brazil have ditched their insulin shots and need no other medication, thanks to a risky but promising treatment with their own stem cells — apparently the first time such a feat has been accomplished.

Though it's too early to call it a cure, the procedure has enabled the young people, who have Type I diabetes, to live insulin-free so far, some for as long as three years. The treatment involves stem cell transplants from the patients' own blood.

"It's the first time in the history of Type 1 diabetes where people have gone with no treatment whatsoever ... no medications at all, with normal blood sugars," said study co-author Dr. Richard Burt of Northwestern University's medical school in Chicago.

AP

Dr. Julio Voltarelli, left, and Dr. Richard Burt, right, outside Sao Paulo, Brazil, with a patient who underwent a stem cell transplant in 2004 and no longer needs insulin.

While the procedure can be life-threatening, none of the 15 patients in the study died or suffered lasting side effects. But the procedure didn't work for two of them.

Larger, more rigorous studies are needed to determine whether stem cell transplants could become a standard treatment for people with the disease once called juvenile diabetes. It is less common than Type 2 diabetes, which is associated with obesity.

The hazards of stem cell transplantation also raise questions about whether the study should have included children.

Burt, who wrote the study protocol, said the research was done in Brazil because U.S. doctors were not interested in the approach. The study was approved by ethics committees in Brazil, he said, adding that he believes it was appropriate to do the research in children as well as adults. (AP)

House to Probe Statements on Tillman, Lynch

SAN FRANCISCO | A U.S. House of Representatives committee announced Tuesday it would hold hearings on the military's misleading statements that followed the friendly fire death of former professional football player Pat Tillman in Afghanistan and the rescue of Pfc. Jessica Lynch in Iraq.

The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform said an April 24 hearing would be part of its investigation into whether there was a strategy to mislead the public.

One or more members of the Tillman family will probably testify, the committee said. Tillman's mother and father did not immediately return calls for comment on Tuesday. (AP)

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World

OLD HAT: Locks of 3,200-year-old hair from the pharaoh Ramses II were unveiled at the Egyptian Museum on Tuesday. They were returned to Egypt after being stolen 30 years ago in France and put up for sale on the Internet. Ramses II ruled from 1270 to 1213 B.C.

In Brief

SERGEI SUPINSKY/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Ukrainians rally against President Viktor Yushchenko in Kiev on Tuesday.

KIEV, UKRAINE

Yushchenko Says He Can Compromise on Early Vote

President Viktor Yushchenko will not back down from the order to dissolve parliament that has thrown the country into political crisis, but was ready to compromise on when new elections would be held, he said Tuesday. Yushchenko had ordered the dissolution and early elections, saying that Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych and his parliamentary majority were trying to usurp power. Yanukovych and his allies say the order is unconstitutional. (AP)

N'DJAMENA, CHAD

U.N.: Up to 400 Are Killed In Janjaweed Attacks

Janjaweed militiamen killed up to 400 people in the volatile eastern border area near Sudan's Darfur region, leaving an "apocalyptic" scene of mass graves and destruction, the U.N. refugee agency said Tuesday. The attacks took place March 31 in the border villages of Tiero and Marena, some 550 miles from the capital, N'djamena. (AP)

PYONGYANG, NORTH KOREA

Disputed Funds May Soon Be Released to Pyongyang

U.S. nuclear negotiator Christopher Hill expressed hope Tuesday that North Korea could still meet a weekend deadline for taking initial steps toward dismantling its nuclear program. The optimism comes after the U.S. Treasury Department said authorities in the Chinese-administered region of Macau are prepared to unblock the frozen funds that North Korea says are the reason it has refused to implement a disarmament agreement. (AP)

Fierce Battles Flare Up in Baghdad

U.S., Iraqi troops face insurgent gunbattles as bombings continue

ADIL AL-KHAZALI/AP

BLOODSHED: Students look at their classroom after a rocket landed at a schoolyard in Baghdad Tuesday, killing a 6-year-old boy.

BAGHDAD | A raging, daylong battle erupted in central Baghdad on Tuesday, and four Iraqi soldiers were killed, 16 U.S. soldiers were wounded and a U.S. helicopter was hit by ground fire at the close of the second month of the massive security crackdown on the capital.

Sixty miles to the north, in the mostly Sunni city of Muqdadiyah, a woman with a suicide vest strapped beneath her black Muslim robe blew herself up in the midst of 200 Iraqi police recruits. The attack killed at least 16 men waiting to learn whether they had been hired.

The security crackdown, which began Feb. 14 and will see nearly 170,000 American forces in Iraq by the end of May, has curbed some sectarian attacks and assassinations in the capital. But violence continues to flare periodically in Baghdad and nearby cities and towns.

The fierce fighting in central Baghdad shut down the Sunni-dominated Fadhil and Sheik Omar neighborhoods just after 7 a.m., the U.S. military said. After American and Iraqi troops came under fire during a routine search operation, helicopter gunships swooped in, engaging insurgents with machine gun fire.

Some Arab television stations reported an American helicopter was shot down in the fight, and showed video of a charred piece of mechanical wreckage that was impossible to identify. The U.S. issued a statement late Tuesday saying an attack helicopter suffered damage from small arms fire but returned to base.

Several blocks from the battle, a rocket slammed into a schoolyard basketball court, killing a 6-year-old boy. Images showed children's backpacks and books still open on classroom desks, covered with shattered glass and debris.

Police said it was a stray Katyusha rocket that dug into the asphalt playground and at least 17 were wounded — 15 students and two teachers. LAUREN FRAYER (AP)

Serbian Court Convicts 4 for Killings

Serb 'Scorpion' unit seen on video shooting Bosnian Muslims in '95

BELGRADE, SERBIA | Four Serb paramilitaries seen in a video gunning down Bosnian Muslims near Srebrenica in 1995 were convicted Tuesday of war crimes against civilians.

It was the first court ruling in Serbia related to the systematic killings of up to 8,000 Muslim men and boys in Srebrenica in the final months of the 1992-95 war in Bosnia —Europe's worst atrocity since World War II.

The four Serbs were seen in a video that surfaced in June 2005 when it was shown at the war crimes trial of former President Slobodan Milosevic before the U.N. tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

APTN/AP

Video of the killings of Bosnian Muslim civilians first publicly surfaced in 2005.

The video shows members of a notorious Serbia paramilitary unit known as the Scorpions.

The unit's commander, Slobodan Medic, and a fellow paramilitary were each sentenced to 20 years in prison, while the only defendant who admitted to shooting the victims, Pero Petrasevic, was sentenced to 13 years in prison. Another Scorpions member, accused as an accomplice, was sentenced to five years in jail, while a fifth was cleared.

Trials of Serbs in Serbia have only become possible since the ouster of Milosevic in 2000. The Srebrenica case has been a key test of the ability of Serbia's judiciary to deal with wartime atrocities.

The video footage, recorded by a Scorpions member who apparently believed it would never become public, showed the men taking Bosnian Muslim civilians from a truck with their hands tied and lining them up on a hillside before spraying them with machine gun fire. MISHA SAVIC (AP)

Report: More Than 1,000 Dead In Somali Clashes

MOGADISHU, SOMALIA | Recent fighting between Ethiopian-backed government troops and Islamic insurgents in Somalia's capital killed more than 1,000 civilians, according to a report by the largest clan in the battle-scarred city.

The estimate was a dramatic escalation in the death toll from four days of bloodshed that started in late March — the country's worst violence in more than 15 years.

Mogadishu's dominant clan, the Hawiye, released its casualty report late Monday, saying 1,086 civilians had been killed and 4,344 wounded. The U.N. refugee agency says some 124,000 people have fled the capital since February. (AP)

World

ABDELJALIL BOUNHAR/AP

As a crowd watches, an ambulance arrives at the scene of the raid in Casablanca. Three of the men police were pursuing blew themselves up amid the operation.

4 Terror Suspects Dead in Morocco

3 blow themselves up amid apartment raid; 1 police officer killed

CASABLANCA, MOROCCO | Police surrounded a building in Morocco's largest city where four terrorism suspects were holed up Tuesday, forcing three of the men to flee and blow themselves up with explosives. The fourth was shot by police as he was apparently preparing to detonate his bomb.

A police officer was killed in the operation and a young child was injured, officials said.

The explosions in Casablanca, weeks after the bombing of an Internet cafe in the city, promised to further rattle the North African kingdom whose first high-profile brush with Islamic terrorism came in five suicide bombings in the city in May 2003.

Moroccan authorities responded to those attacks, which left 45 people dead, with the arrest of thousands of alleged Islamic militants — some accused of working with al-Qaeda to plot strikes in Morocco and abroad. At least two of those killed Tuesday were suspected of links to those attacks.

The suspects were all allegedly connected to the March 11 bombing of the Internet cafe — an attack that killed the bomber, Abdelfettah Raydi, and four others.

Tuesday's violence started when police, acting on a tip, surrounded an apartment building in the Hay Farah neighborhood of Casablanca where the suspected terrorists were holed up, officials said.

One of the suspects fled to the roof, where he blew himself up, said a police official on the scene who refused to give his name. Another man appeared to be on the verge of detonating explosives, fumbling with his clothes, when a police sniper shot him, officials said.

Investigations into the March 11 cafe blast led police to a wider suspected plot to attack the port in Casablanca, as well as police and tourist sites in Morocco. JOHN THORNE (AP)

RELOCATING: Tasmanian devils — the marsupial made famous as a snarling cartoon character named Taz — are being relocated to an island off Australia to avert their extinction by a contagious cancer. The fox-like animals with a bloodcurdling growl are being wiped out on the island state of Tasmania by a contagious cancer that creates facial tumors. (AP)

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World

Britons Bemoan Loss of 'Old' Pride

It's 'New Brits' vs. the 'Old Brits' in the wake of Iran hostage ordeal

LONDON | The sailors detained by Iran returned home as celebrities — but quickly left many nostalgic for the glory days when Britannia ruled the waves.

The undignified spectacle of military people selling their stories to the tabloids sharpened questions about how they ended up captive in the first place — and what some saw as the ease with which Iran extracted "confessions."

It all seemed a far cry from the Battle of Trafalgar, when Lord Nelson's vastly outnumbered fleet sank combined French and Spanish forces, or even 25 years ago when a naval task force crushed Argentina's invasion of the Falkland Islands.

"What happened to resolve against adversity?" fumed one veteran soldier in a letter to a newspaper. "This is the nation of Raleigh, Wellington, Scott, Shackleton, Bader, Churchill."

Some of the returning detainees explained that they had confessed under the pressure of solitary confinement and threats of lengthy imprisonment — a blow to the image of the stoic British soldier.

The embarrassment was fed by some of the less decorous details that have emerged.

Royal Navy Operator Maintainer Arthur Batchelor, who sold his account to the Daily Mirror newspaper, complained that his captors called him "Mr. Bean."

Recalling the moments after the crew was captured, Batchelor said: "A guard kept flicking my neck with his index finger and thumb. I thought the worst."

Historian Andrew Roberts sees Britain's reaction to Iran's provocation as an example of the end of the stiff upper lip of the "Old Brits" and the emergence of the more sentimental attitude of "New Brits."

"For New Brits, the photos of smiling, waving sailors with their shiny gray suits and their lucrative newspaper serial rights makes the heart grow warm," Roberts wrote in the Sunday Times.

"Meanwhile," he added, "Old Brits can feel nothing but sorrow at the humiliation that has been dealt to the Royal Navy and the United Kingdom." ROBERT BARR (AP)

AFGHANISTAN | TRANSLATOR'S DEATH MOURNED

FARZANA WAHIDY/AP

IN MEMORIAM: Afghan mourners look at a picture of slain Afghan translator Ajmal Naqshbandi during a gathering on Tuesday in Kabul to condemn Naqshbandi's killing. Purported Taliban militants beheaded Naqshbandi, a freelance journalist and translator seized March 5 along with an Italian reporter who was later freed, after authorities refused a prisoner exchange.

ICED OUT ALL SUMMER: One of the world's largest yellow diamonds, on loan from Tiffany & Co., will be on public display Wednesday at the Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History. The stone, known as "Bird on A Rock," will be in D.C. until Sept. 23.

Local

In Brief

RICHMOND, VA.

Kaine Vetoes 5 Bills After Amendments Are Rejected

A bill affecting smoking in bars and restaurants was among the measures Gov. Timothy M. Kaine vetoed on Tuesday after legislators rejected his amendments to them last week. Kaine had amended a House bill, turning it into an outright ban on all smoking in any establishments that serves food. Without Kaine's changes, the bill would have ended the requirement that restaurants reserve non-smoking areas as long as they post signs at their entrances warning patrons that they allow smoking. The veto keeps in force the mandate for restaurants to maintain separate non-smoking areas. (AP)

ANNAPOLIS, MD.

Md. First State to Approve Plan to Award Popular Vote

Maryland officially became the first state on Tuesday to approve a plan to give its electoral votes for president to the winner of the national popular vote instead of the candidate chosen by state voters. The measure would award Maryland's 10 electoral votes to the national popular vote winner. The plan would only take effect if states representing a majority of the nation's 538 electoral votes make the same change. (AP)

The Lotteries

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Mid-day Lucky Numbers	7-2-6
Mid-day DC 4	3-6-6-2

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Mid-day Pick 4	9-2-4-4

VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3	9-7-1
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	5-3-5
Mid-day Pick 4	4-7-8-0
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	1-1-3-2
Mid-day Cash 5	11-16-23-32-33
Evening Cash 5 (Mon.)	8-9-13-25-28

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be published two days later.

National Mall Could Face Expansion

Symposium brings city planners, architects and designers to brainstorm

WASHINGTON | Increasing pressure to find land for museums and memorials on the cramped National Mall could spur new ideas about how to develop the nation's capital of the future.

Each new addition approved for Washington's monumental core in recent years — from the World War II Memorial in 2000 to the future Smithsonian black history museum and a visitor's center planned for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial — has drawn heated debate.

A symposium Wednesday at the National Building Museum will explore ways to rethink monuments to history and where they should go. Scholars, designers and architects from across the country will join city planners who are creating a plan to help broaden the image of Washington beyond the National Mall.

JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

Visitors take pictures at the World War II Memorial on the National Mall. Lack of space on the Mall has spurred discussion of new ideas for monument expansion.

Those who have studied Pierre L'Enfant's original 1791 design for the city are tossing around some fairly radical ideas for the next 100 years.

They include tearing down an elevated interstate highway that slices through the city; building a museum where RFK Stadium now stands; or even moving the Supreme Court from the shadows of Congress to near the Jefferson Memorial to create a symbolic triangle of the separate branches of government. BRETT ZONKGER (AP)

IN The Washington Post | HOSPITALS' LAST GASP

CAROL GUZY/TWP

FATEFUL DAY: Donell Session, left, Joann Bailey, center, and Sosamma Thomas at a press conference Tuesday to decide Pr. George's Hospital's future. ✤ **Grim diagnosis:** County Council's failure to compromise forces Md. Gov. Martin O'Malley to initiate closure of hospital system. | **Today's Post**

Water Taxi to Connect Old Town, Pr. George's

Potomac Riverboat Co. to create transportation for interstate crossing

ALEXANDRIA, VA. | Officials from both sides of the Potomac River heralded a new transportation option Tuesday: water taxis between Alexandria and Prince George's County.

The Potomac Riverboat Co. plans to put two 99-passenger boats into service to connect Old Town Alexandria and National Harbor, the waterfront convention and entertainment destination under construction on the Maryland side.

The service is set to begin a year from now and will run every half-hour from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week.

The company runs cruises on the Potomac and currently has water taxi service between Alexandria and Georgetown, though that service is not as frequent as what is planned for National Harbor.

Officials in Alexandria are hoping the connection with National Harbor will help boost the profile of Old Town as a destination for visitors to the area. National Harbor is to include extensive waterfront development, including two 700-foot piers designed to accommodate concerts, dinner cruises and light shows. (AP)

Discovery to Lay off 200 Employees

SILVER SPRING, MD. | Discovery Communications Inc. is laying off about 200 employees, most of whom work in the Washington area.

The job cuts amount to about 3 percent of the company's global work force of 6,000 and are part of an effort by Discovery's new chief executive, David Zaslav, to reallocate resources to better position the company for the digital age. Like other broadcasters, Discovery is facing competition from the Web and multimedia devices.

As part of the changes, Discovery is also exploring the idea of abandoning storefront retailing. The company has 100 Discovery stores. Executives said they are studying whether it makes more sense to sell branded products online and through retailers such as Wal-Mart and Target.

The Silver Spring-based company has about 2,000 employees in the capital region. (AP)

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Money

Loan Scandal May Widen

Cuomo says probe of student lending is akin to 'peeling an onion'

ALBANY, N.Y. | Cozy arrangements between colleges and the companies that loan their students billions of dollars are far more widespread than anticipated, New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo said in an interview Tuesday.

Cuomo would not divulge where the burgeoning investigation is headed next, including whether more subpoenas are on the way. But Cuomo said the probe of the $85 billion industry could lead to criminal charges against high-ranking officials at both lending companies and universities.

"This is like peeling an onion," Cuomo said. "It seems to be getting worse the more we uncover. It's more widespread than we originally thought. ... More schools and more lenders at the top end."

Cuomo

Cuomo is investigating alleged kickbacks to school officials who steered students to certain lenders. His investigators say they have found numerous arrangements that benefited schools, financial aid officers and lenders at the expense of students.

So far, six schools, including the University of Pennsylvania and New York University, have agreed to reimburse students a total of $3.27 million for inflated loan prices caused by revenue sharing agreements, Cuomo said.

A number of student loan officials at different schools have been placed on leave pending the probe. Cuomo said he suspects "dozens" of financial aid officers around the country have similar arrangements that he has called deceptive, unethical and at times, illegal.

In some cases, investigators said, lenders provided all-expense-paid trips for college financial aid officers to exotic locations. Financial aid officers at schools in some cases served on loan company advisory boards, Cuomo said.

"Ninety percent of the students take the 'preferred lender,'" he said. "Why? Because that's the nature of the relationship. You trust the school. The school is in a position of authority. The school is there to nurture you." MARK JOHNSON (AP)

Gas Price Surge Predicted to Ease

WASHINGTON | U.S. motorists can expect an easing of the recent gasoline price surge in coming weeks, with costs averaging about what they did last summer over the heavy vacation driving season, the government said Tuesday.

The Energy Department predicted that the average nationwide cost of regular-grade gasoline would likely peak at $2.87 a gallon in May, up only 7 cents over the average last week.

Prices for regular gasoline has soared since January, increasing by 64 cents a gallon on average nationwide during the last 10 weeks. The nationwide average was $2.80 cents a gallon last week.

The summer fuels outlook, released Tuesday by the DOE's Energy Information Administration, said the price of regular-grade gasoline is projected to average $2.81 cents a gallon through the summer driving season, or 3 cents lower than last year.

The EIA said the recent price surge was attributed to higher crude oil prices, unplanned refinery outages and a decline in gasoline imports. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
UtdRentals	32.36	+4.81	+17.5
CascdeCp	65.39	+6.12	+10.3
GrafTech	9.99	+.87	+9.5
SocQ&M A	150.00	+10.55	+7.6
VaalcoE	5.63	+.38	+7.2

Losers

ImpacMtg	4.49	-.61	-12.0
AmHmMtg	19.55	-2.37	-10.8
Valhi s	17.70	-1.86	-9.5
SturmRug	12.75	-.95	-6.9
TechOlyUS	3.44	-.23	-6.3

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
EmisTch	4.29	+1.09	+34.1
Synergetc	4.99	+.87	+21.1
Alfacell	2.14	+.34	+18.9
SyntroCp	3.57	+.52	+17.0
Iomai	4.57	-.07	-1.5

Losers

AdolorCp	3.60	-5.12	-58.7
HarrisInt	5.01	-1.10	-18.0
Antigncs	3.57	-.74	-17.2
Arotech rs	2.68	-.44	-14.1
CellGens	6.08	-.78	-11.4

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.22	5.35
3-month disc	4.80	4.91
2-year	4.68	4.60
10-year	4.72	4.66
30-year	4.90	4.84

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5072	.5099	.5743
Canadian Dollar	1.1475	1.1529	1.1492
European Euro	.7449	.7485	.8267
Japanese Yen	119.12	119.30	118.50
Mexican Peso	11.0010	10.9765	11.1225
Taiwanese Dollar	33.12	33.11	32.35

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+0.04	+0.34	+0.26
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Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
CBS B	31.40	+.20	+.7
Comcast s	26.71	+.25	-5.4
Comc sp s	26.26	+.28	-5.9
DirecTV	23.74	+.16	-4.8
Disney	34.99	+.08	+2.1
EchoStar	45.90	+.76	+20.7
GpTelevisa	30.86	-.18	+14.3
McGrwH	61.22	-.75	-10.0
NewsCpA	23.60	+.13	+9.9
NewsCpB	25.20	+.18	+13.2
Thomson	41.67	+.27	+.6
TW Cable n	37.35	+.40	-4.1
TimeWarn	21.01	...	-3.5
ViacomB	40.60	-.40	-1.0
WPP Gp	76.99	+.69	+13.6

NO LIE: Leonardo DiCaprio will star in, and Ridley Scott will direct, the film adaptation of David Ignatius' novel "Body of Lies." DiCaprio plays an ex-journalist turned CIA agent who teams with Jordan's intelligence chief to track an al-Qaeda leader.

Entertainment

CHAPMAN BAEHLER/NOTHING/INTERSCOPE

KEEP DIGGING: Trent Reznor, center, and Nine Inch Nails are leaving tantalizing clues about their forthcoming CD, "Year Zero."

Scavenger Hunt

Nine Inch Nails' new CD is the subject of a magical mystery tour

PUZZLE | Trent Reznor could have just given a few interviews to explain Nine Inch Nails' new album, "Year Zero." But instead, he's utilizing a multifaceted Internet scavenger hunt, and, in some cases, his own rabid fans, to help gradually build the story of the project, due April 17. Dystopian, apocalyptic themes are pervasive on the album.

Neither Reznor nor his label would speak about the campaign, but a source with knowledge of the project says Reznor may very well perceive it all not as a marketing campaign, but as "a new entertainment form." Indeed, the source says the campaign forms the body of the "Year Zero" experience: "It is the CD booklet come to life. It precedes the concept album and the tour. And it will continue for the next 18 months, with peaks and valleys."

"Year Zero" came to life in early February when Web-savvy fans discovered that highlighted letters inside words on a NIN tour T-shirt spelled out "I am trying to believe." Savvy fans added a ".com" to the five words and, voila, located a thought-provoking, eerie Web site. Other associated sites were soon discovered, including bethehammer.net, anotherversionofthetruth.com and churchofplano.com, where a dark future reigns supreme.

For instance, errant clicks on sites like anotherversionofthetruth.com result in interception by the Bureau of Morality, which will then e-mail warnings that the user is "A CONSUMER OF DISSIDENT MATERIAL … Any further attempts to view, consume, or distribute un-american [sic] content will result in the loss of citizenship increments and/or the imposition of fines, penalties, or imprisonment. You have choices. Make the RIGHT ones."

For further instructions on making good choices, the creepy note instructs the e-mail recipient to visit thepriceoftreason.net. And another mind game begins anew, with its own set of rabbit holes.

Within days of discovery of the sites, the blogosphere was rich with anxious NIN fans sharing their experiences on message boards. According to one post, a male fan, allegedly by happenstance, found a USB drive in a bathroom stall during a NIN concert at the Coliseum in Lisbon, Portugal. This flash drive contained an MP3 of album track "My Violent Heart." Additional USB drives were purportedly found in Barcelona and Manchester, England; they included MP3s of album tracks "Me, I'm Not" and "In This Twilight," respectively.

Meanwhile, another tour T-shirt contained a highlighted Cleveland-area phone number that, when dialed, played a snippet of lead single "Survivalism."

By late February, a "Year Zero" trailer was made available at yearzero.nin.com.

With his unveiling of "Year Zero," Reznor may, whether he realizes it or not, be building a new option for presenting music that augments the existing CD/tour scenario.

"It's not about slapping something on top of an existing experience," the source says. "It must be its own entity. Make the experience as immersive as possible for fans."

MICHAEL PAOLETTA (BILLBOARD)

NEW ON DVD

Bobby

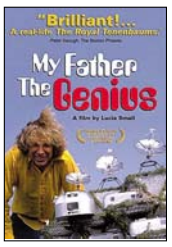
DIRECTED BY EMILIO ESTEVEZ

→ "Bobby," an ensemble drama that reexamines the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy through the eyes of more than 22 individuals who were at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles that fateful day, arrives with a modicum of extras. Although the film — which stars Emilio Estevez, his dad Martin Sheen, Anthony Hopkins, Sharon Stone and William H. Macy, to name just a few — was a labor of love for the actor-filmmaker, he doesn't offer a commentary track. Estevez, though, does participate in the passable "making of" documentary. The most satisfying extra is a discussion with several people who were at the Ambassador that Tuesday in June 1968, including journalist Ruth Ashton Taylor.

My Father the Genius

DIRECTED BY LUCIA SMALL

→ Winner of the 2002 Slamdance Film Festival Grand Jury Prize for best documentary, "My Father the Genius" is a provocative study of an egomaniac. Architect Glen Howard Small asked his estranged middle daughter from his first wife to write a biography. Instead, Lucia Small decided to make a documentary. And the end result is a fascinating tale of a visionary architect and self-proclaimed genius who was constantly creating career suicide while being a less than satisfactory parent and husband. By the time, Lucia Small made her movie, the then 61-year-old Small was so broke he had to move in with his eldest daughter. Extras include a father-daughter interview, a Super 8 movie that Glen Small made about his 1970s planned Biomorphic Biosphere project and frank interviews with other architects. SUSAN KING (LOS ANGELES TIMES)



Today's Top Stops

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KID KOALA

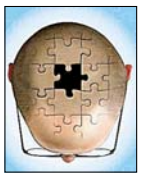
Cuddly Hip-Hop

1 There's a reason why turntablist Kid Koala named his 2006 CD "Your Mom's Favourite DJ": He's that loveable. The Montreal-based DJ makes joyous instrumental hip-hop with an old-school, sample-heavy vibe. He cuts and pastes; he prefers sneezes and old comedy routines to accompany his scratching, mixing and boom-bap beats.

→ *Rock and Roll Hotel, 1353 H St. NE; with Math Panda and DJ Meistro, 8 p.m., $12; 202-388-7625.*

DENNIS CASS

Brain Drain



2 In the funny-sad memoir "Head Case: How I Almost Lost My Mind Trying to Understand My Brain," journalist Dennis Cass submits his noggin to a series of electric shocks and self-devised stress tests — all to help himself get over writer's block.

→ *Olsson's, 2111 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 7 p.m., free; 703-525-4227. (Courthouse)*

JOHN SCOFIELD

Trio Terrific

3 Guitarist John Scofield has hooked the jam-band world, but this gig will highlight Scofield's extraordinary jazz chops, since this trio includes bassist Steve Swallow and drummer Bill Stewart, two of the most versatile rhythm men on the scene.

→ *Wolf Trap - The Barns, 1635 Trap Rd., Vienna; 8 p.m., $22; 703-255-1860.*

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Entertainment

THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR: Common's next album, "Finding Forever," is scheduled to drop July 10. The rapper worked with Kanye West, will.i.am and the late J. Dilla on the production side, while Bilal, D'Angelo and British brat Lily Allen pitched in with vocal assists.

Through The Glass

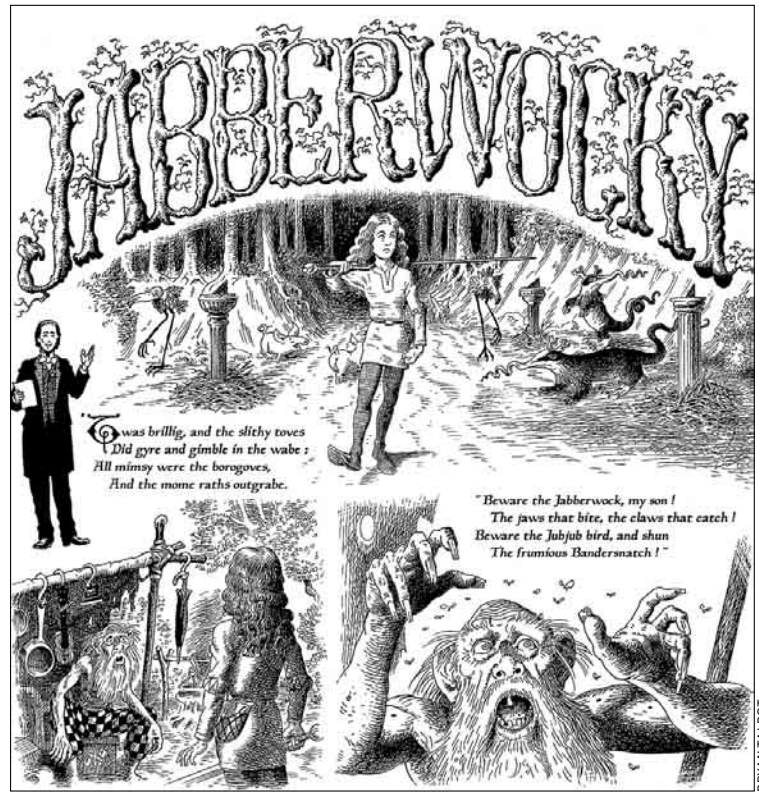
'Alice in Sunderland' explores the axis of history and myth

COMIC BOOK | Bryan Talbot is a showman. He might not get up on stage and perform, but on the pages of his beautiful new graphic novel, "Alice in Sunderland," he puts himself on an imaginary stage to tell the tale of one of England's misunderstood locations.

"I had no idea what Sunderland was like at all, apart from the English perception of it being a grimy, industrial town," Talbot said. "I didn't want to move here."

But he did move to Sunderland after his wife got a job at a university there. Upon arriving, he was taken by the rich history of the region — a history that includes Lewis Carroll and a certain young girl by the name of Alice Liddell.

Talbot, who is responsible for the seminal graphic novels "The Adventures of Luther Arkwright" and "Tale of One Bad Rat," had been itching to do something related to Carroll's Alice stories, but "Alice in Sunderland" is much more than that. It explores Sunderland and its connections to Carroll and other literary figures. On a broader level, when you strip the book down to its core, "Alice in Sunderland" is "about storytelling and history and myth, and how history becomes myth," Talbot said.



BRYAN TALBOT

EAT HEARTY: Every page of Bryan Talbot's "Alice in Sunderland" is a visual feast.

When you crack open the book, though, you're exposed to a lavish stage performance with an incredibly knowledgeable host in Talbot, who provides a visual feast spanning an assortment of art styles.

"It occurred to me, with the setting being an Edwardian Palace of varieties and a music hall, it should be a variety show," Talbot said. "I think it's best to stop the audience, the readers, from getting bored of everything being the same style."

SCOTT ROSENBERG (EXPRESS)

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GRINDHOUSE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 100) 400 500 800 900
THE REAPING (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1215 240) 510 745 1010
FIREHOUSE DOG (PG) DIG (1210 250) 520 755 1020
ARE WE DONE YET? (PG) DIG (1205 230) 455 720 940
BLADES OF GLORY (PG-13) DIG (1220 120 300) 420 530 710 810 935 1030
MEET THE ROBINSONS (G) DIG (1210 235) 505 730 955
OC: SHOOTER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115) 735
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES (PG) DIG (1205 220) 450 715
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) DIG (1200) PM
SHOOTER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 410 1025
THE HILLS HAVE EYES II (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 255) 525 750 1005
PRIDE (PG) DIG (225) 515 740 1015
REIGN OVER ME (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1250) 700
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 415 1000
PREMONITION (PG-13) DIG 945 PM
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (110) 430 725 1025

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GRINDHOUSE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 300 400) 700 800
FIREHOUSE DOG (PG) DIG (210 445)
MEET THE ROBINSONS (G) DIG (220 455) 735 1010
JOURNEY FROM THE FALL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 420) 725 1030
SHOOTER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 405) 710 1015
THE HILLS HAVE EYES II (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 730 1020
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) DIG (250 520)
THE NAMESAKE (PG-13) DIG (1255 355) 655 1000
PREMONITION (PG-13) DIG 745 1005
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1250 350) 650 945

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GRINDHOUSE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 300 500) 700 900
THE REAPING (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 400) 720 1000
FIREHOUSE DOG (PG) DIG (1215 250 540) 810 1040
ARE WE DONE YET? (PG) DIG (1230 200 315 445 540) 715 800 945 1030
BLADES OF GLORY (PG-13) DIG (145 400 430) 720 745 950 1030
MEET THE ROBINSONS (G) DIG (1245 130 335 445) 700 730 930 1000
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES (PG) DIG (100 330) 715
SHOOTER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (205 505) 800 1055
THE HILLS HAVE EYES II (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (200) 1050
PRIDE (PG) DIG (530) 815
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) DIG (130) PM
REIGN OVER ME (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (140) PM
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 1055 PM
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (500) 800 1100

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GRINDHOUSE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 100 400 500) 800 900
FIREHOUSE DOG (PG) DIG (115 415) 715 945
ARE WE DONE YET? (PG) DIG (1215 230 445) 700 930
BLADES OF GLORY (PG-13) DIG (1200 230 500) 730 1000
MEET THE ROBINSONS (G) DIG (115 415) 715 945
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES (PG) DIG (1230 400)
SHOOTER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1245 430) 730 1020
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) DIG (1215) PM
REIGN OVER ME (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100) 1015
PREMONITION (PG-13) DIG (345) 745
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 700 1015
BREACH (PG-13) DIG (430) PM

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Adv. Tix on Sale DIRTY DANCING: 20TH ANNIVERSARY (PG-13) ★
MEET THE ROBINSONS DIGITAL 3D- $2.50 FEE FOR 3D (G) DIG (155 430) 715 950
MEET THE ROBINSONS (G) DIG (120 355) 640 915
THE REAPING (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (225 455) 740 1010
GRINDHOUSE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 100 400 500) 800 900
ARE WE DONE YET? (PG) DIG (1220 215 245 440 510) 705 735 930 1000
FIREHOUSE DOG (PG) DIG (210 445) 720 950
BLADES OF GLORY (PG-13) DIG (1205 200 230 435 505) 700 730 925 955
OC: SHOOTER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (110) 725
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES (PG) DIG (145 420) 655
SHOOTER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (415) 1030
THE HILLS HAVE EYES II (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (205 425) 650 910
PRIDE (PG) DIG (515) 750 1025
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) DIG (240) PM
REIGN OVER ME (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 920 PM
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (150 450) 745 1035
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (135 405) 635 905

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Adv. Tix on Sale DIRTY DANCING: 20TH ANNIVERSARY (PG-13) ★
MEET THE ROBINSONS DIGITAL 3D- $2.50 FEE FOR 3D (G) DIG (130 430) 720 950
OC: SHOOTER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (110) 710
GRINDHOUSE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1130 1230 340 440) 750 850
HOAX (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (120 420) 725 1020
THE REAPING (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1135 210 445) 745 1025
FIREHOUSE DOG (PG) DIG (100 345) 650 930
ARE WE DONE YET? (PG) DIG (1145 1245 220 320 515) 615 740 840 1005
BLADES OF GLORY (PG-13) DIG (1150 1250 150 250 350 450 550) 630 730 830 910 1010
THE LOOKOUT (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 940
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES (PG) DIG (1130 200 415) 645 915
SHOOTER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (400) 1015
THE HILLS HAVE EYES II (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1220 300 545) 810 1030
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) DIG (140 405) 640
REIGN OVER ME (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 945
PREMONITION (PG-13) DIG (1210 310) 635
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 410) 710 1015
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (1215 315) 625 920
MEET THE ROBINSONS (G) DIG (1140 1230 230 330 530) 620 820 900

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GRINDHOUSE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 100 400 515) 800 945
THE REAPING (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1215 230 500) 730 1000
FIREHOUSE DOG (PG) DIG (1145 215 445) 715 945
ARE WE DONE YET? (PG) DIG (1230 245 500) 745 1000
MEET THE ROBINSONS DIGITAL 3D- $2.50 FEE FOR 3D (G) DIG (1130 200 430) 700 930
BLADES OF GLORY (PG-13) DIG (1215 1245 230 300 445 515) 700 800 915 1015
MEET THE ROBINSONS (G) DIG (1200 230 500) 730 1000
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES (PG) DIG (100 315 530) 815 1030
SHOOTER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 430) 745 1035
WILD HOGS (PG-13) (1200 215 445) 700 930
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) DIG (145) PM
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (415) 715 1015

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GRINDHOUSE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 300 430) 700 830
FIREHOUSE DOG (PG) DIG (1200 230 500) 730 1000
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES (PG) DIG (1210 220 440) 710 930
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (1225 250 520) 750 1010
THE LOOKOUT (R) - ID REQ'D (110 410) 720 940
SHOOTER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1250 420) 800
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) DIG (1220 240 510) 740 1005
PREMONITION (PG-13) DIG (1240 350) 650 920
BREACH (PG-13) (100 400) 645 950

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Adv. Tix on Sale DIRTY DANCING: 20TH ANNIVERSARY (PG-13) ★
GRINDHOUSE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 130 430 530) 830 930
BLADES OF GLORY (PG-13) DIG (1245 215 415 500) 730 815 1000 1040
MEET THE ROBINSONS (G) DIG (100 230 415 500) 700 745 940 1030
THE REAPING (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (120 440) 745 1010
FIREHOUSE DOG (PG) DIG (1250 410) 700 940
ARE WE DONE YET? (PG) DIG (110 400) 715 945
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES (PG) DIG (1245 420) 645
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 445) 730 1020
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (115 350) 645 950
SHOOTER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 400) 800 1045
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) DIG (115) PM
PREMONITION (PG-13) DIG (430) 715 1000
REIGN OVER ME (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 945 PM

UA SNOWDEN SQ STADIUM 14
9161 Commerce Ctr Dr 800-FANDANGO 570#

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Adv. Tix on Sale DIRTY DANCING: 20TH ANNIVERSARY (PG-13) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA ENCORE (NR) ★
GRINDHOUSE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 100 400 500) 800 900
THE REAPING (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (200 445) 800 1030
FIREHOUSE DOG (PG) DIG (100 400) 715 1000
ARE WE DONE YET? (PG) DIG (115 415) 730 1010
BLADES OF GLORY (PG-13) DIG (145 345 445) 745 915 1015
MEET THE ROBINSONS (G) DIG (1230 130 330 430) 630 730 915 1015
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES (PG) DIG (230 500)
SHOOTER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1215 315) 700 950
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) DIG (1200) PM
REIGN OVER ME (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1215) 700
THE NAMESAKE (PG-13) DIG (1245 345) 715 1000
PREMONITION (PG-13) DIG (315) 950
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 745 1025
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (115 415) 645 930
OC: BLADES OF GLORY (PG-13) DIG (1230) 645

MANASSAS STADIUM 14
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GRINDHOUSE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 100 400 500) 800 900
THE REAPING (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 310) 740 1005
FIREHOUSE DOG (PG) DIG (110 355) 700 930
ARE WE DONE YET? (PG) DIG (1155 220 435) 745 1010
BLADES OF GLORY (PG-13) DIG (1215 1255 230 330 450) 650 730 910 955
MEET THE ROBINSONS DIGITAL 3D- $2.50 FEE FOR 3D (G) DIG (1140 210 440) 720 950
MEET THE ROBINSONS (G) DIG (1210 240 505) 750 1015
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES (PG) DIG (1145 200 420) 705
SHOOTER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1225 325) 640 940
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) DIG (1245) PM
REIGN OVER ME (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 920 PM
PREMONITION (PG-13) DIG (315) 725 1000
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1240 340) 645 930
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (110 345) 710 935

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THE HOAX (R) 1:35, 4:55, 7:45, 10:35
GRINDHOUSE (R) 11:45, 2:00, 3:45, 6:15, 8:15, 10:30
THE REAPING (R) 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45
ARE WE DONE YET? (PG) 1:50, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45
FIREHOUSE DOG (PG) 1:05, 3:55, 7:00, 9:40
BLADES OF GLORY (PG13) 12:10, 1:10, 1:30, 2:35, 3:30, 4:00, 5:10, 5:55, 6:30, 7:40, 8:20, 9:10, 10:10, 10:40
BLADES OF GLORY (PG13) CC 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:10
MEET THE ROBINSONS (G) 1:00, 3:50, 6:45, 9:15
THE HILLS HAVE EYES 2 (R) 12:40, 3:05, 5:25, 8:10, 10:25
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) 12:00, 2:40, 5:20
PRIDE (PG) 2:15, 5:05, 7:50, 10:35
REIGN OVER ME (R) 1:20, 4:05, 7:05, 9:55
SHOOTER (R) 1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 10:45
TMNT (PG) 1:25, 3:40, 6:55, 9:05
DEAD SILENCE (R) 8:05, 10:20
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) 2:10, 4:30, 6:50, 9:25
PREMONITION (PG13) 6:45, 9:20
300 (R) 1:40, 4:45, 7:35, 10:40
WILD HOGS (PG13) 12:20, 2:55, 5:25, 7:55, 10:20
AMC SELECT
THE LOOKOUT (R) 1:55, 4:20
THE NAMESAKE (PG13) 1:15, 4:10, 7:20, 10:05

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DIGITAL 3D
MEET THE ROBINSONS IN DISNEY DIGITAL 3-D (G) 2:25, 4:55, 7:30, 10:05

THE HOAX (R) ✓ 2:20, 5:05, 7:55, 10:25
GRINDHOUSE (R) ✓ 1:00, 2:40, 4:50, 6:45, 9:00
THE REAPING (R) ✓ 1:55, 4:30, 7:00, 9:35
ARE WE DONE YET? (PG) ✓ 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
FIREHOUSE DOG (PG) ✓ 2:15, 4:55, 7:35, 10:20
BLADES OF GLORY (PG13) 2:30, 4:50, 7:15, 9:45
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) 1:50
REIGN OVER ME (R) 7:45, 10:30
SHOOTER (R) 1:30, 4:25, 10:30
TMNT (PG) 1:20, 3:30, 5:40
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) 9:50 PM
PREMONITION (PG13) 2:10, 4:35, 7:20
300 (R) 2:00, 4:45, 7:40, 10:25
300 (R) CC 2:00, 4:45, 7:40, 10:25
AMC SELECT
THE LOOKOUT (R) 4:20, 6:50, 9:25
THE NAMESAKE (PG13) 1:15, 4:10, 7:05, 10:00

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GRINDHOUSE (R) 4:30, 8:30
THE REAPING (R) 5:30, 8:00
FIREHOUSE DOG (PG) 4:10, 7:00
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) 5:00
SHOOTER (R) 4:20, 7:30
TMNT (PG) 12:30, 3:00, 5:10, 7:30
300 (R) 7:45
WILD HOGS (PG13) 5:15, 7:40

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DIGITAL 3D
MEET THE ROBINSONS IN DISNEY DIGITAL 3-D (G) 2:30, 5:00, 7:45, 10:10

THE HOAX (R) ✓ 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:50
GRINDHOUSE (R) ✓ 1:00, 2:00, 5:10, 6:10, 9:00, 10:00
THE REAPING (R) ✓ 1:15, 3:45, 6:10, 8:25, 10:40
ARE WE DONE YET? (PG) ✓ 12:50, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:20
FIREHOUSE DOG (PG) ✓ 1:50, 4:35, 7:10, 9:55
BLADES OF GLORY (PG13) 12:55, 1:45, 3:15, 4:30, 5:45, 6:50, 8:15, 9:15, 10:30
MEET THE ROBINSONS (G) 1:30, 4:10, 6:45, 9:10
MEET THE ROBINSONS (G) CC 1:30, 4:10, 6:45, 9:10
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) 12:50, 3:10, 5:35
REIGN OVER ME (R) 1:10, 4:05, 7:00, 10:00
SHOOTER (R) 1:25, 4:25, 7:30, 10:25
TMNT (PG) 1:10, 3:25, 5:50, 8:10, 10:20
PREMONITION (PG13) 7:50, 10:15
300 (R) 1:00, 3:45, 7:05, 10:05
WILD HOGS (PG13) 1:05, 3:35, 5:55, 8:15, 10:40
AMC SELECT
THE LOOKOUT (R) ✓ 1:05, 3:30, 5:55, 8:10, 10:35
THE NAMESAKE (PG13) 1:40, 4:40, 7:25, 10:10

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DIGITAL 3D
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GRINDHOUSE (R) ✓ 1:00, 4:00, 5:00, 8:00, 9:00
THE REAPING (R) ✓ 1:45, 4:20, 7:05, 9:35
ARE WE DONE YET? (PG) ✓ 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 10:05
FIREHOUSE DOG (PG) ✓ 2:00, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50
BLADES OF GLORY (PG13) 2:40, 5:20, 7:35, 10:00
MEET THE ROBINSONS (G) 1:05, 3:40, 6:15, 8:50
THE HILLS HAVE EYES 2 (R) 2:30, 4:50, 7:20, 9:45
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) 2:05, 4:30
PRIDE (PG) 2:25, 5:05, 7:40, 10:10
REIGN OVER ME (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 10:00
SHOOTER (R) 1:10, 4:05, 7:15, 10:10
TMNT (PG) 2:10, 4:35, 7:00, 9:10
PREMONITION (PG13) 2:20, 4:55, 7:25, 9:55
300 (R) 1:55, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15
WILD HOGS (PG13) 2:45, 5:15, 7:40, 10:05
AMC SELECT
THE LOOKOUT (R) 7:00, 9:30

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GRINDHOUSE (R) 1:10, 5:00, 8:50
THE REAPING (R) 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
ARE WE DONE YET? (PG) 2:00, 4:25, 6:50, 9:10
FIREHOUSE DOG (PG) 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:05
BLADES OF GLORY (PG13) 1:50, 4:15, 6:40, 9:00
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) 2:25, 4:45, 7:05
PRIDE (PG) 1:25, 3:45, 6:05, 8:35
REIGN OVER ME (R) 3:10, 6:10, 8:55
SHOOTER (R) 1:20, 4:10, 9:50
TMNT (PG) 1:15, 3:25, 5:35, 7:45, 9:55
TMNT (PG) CC 1:15, 3:25, 5:35, 7:45, 9:55
PREMONITION (PG13) 9:25 PM
300 (R) 3:20, 6:20, 9:15
WILD HOGS (PG13) 1:45, 4:20, 6:55, 9:30

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THE HILLS HAVE EYES 2 (R) 5:20, 8:10
PRIDE (PG) 4:40, 7:40
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) 5:00, 8:00
ZODIAC (R) 7:00
BREACH (PG13) 4:30, 7:30
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) 4:50
AMC SELECT
AMAZING GRACE (PG) 4:20, 7:20
THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R) 4:10, 7:10
THE QUEEN (PG13) 4:50, 7:50

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GRINDHOUSE (R) 12:25, 4:40, 9:00
THE REAPING (R) 12:20, 2:55, 5:20, 7:40, 10:30
ARE WE DONE YET? (PG) 12:00, 2:10, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00
FIREHOUSE DOG (PG) 12:15, 3:05, 5:35, 8:05, 10:35
BLADES OF GLORY (PG13) 12:55, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:20
MEET THE ROBINSONS (G) 12:30, 3:00, 5:40, 8:10, 10:40
THE HILLS HAVE EYES 2 (R) 5:30, 7:50, 10:25
PRIDE (PG) 12:50, 3:20, 5:50, 8:15, 10:40
SHOOTER (R) 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 10:10
TMNT (PG) 12:40, 2:50, 5:00, 7:10, 9:50
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) 2:00, 4:20, 6:45, 9:30
PREMONITION (PG13) 12:10, 2:40
300 (R) 1:00, 3:40, 6:50, 9:40

LOEWS DUPONT 5
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1-800-FANDANGO #711

GRINDHOUSE (R) 12:30, 4:30, 8:30
300 (R) 1:30, 4:10, 7:00
BREACH (PG13) 1:45, 4:45, 7:20
AMC SELECT
ISLANDER (R) 2:15, 8:00
STARTER FOR 10 (PG13) 5:15
AMAZING GRACE (PG) 2:00, 5:00, 7:40

LOEWS UPTOWN 1
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1-800-FANDANGO #713

GRINDHOUSE (R) 12:00, 4:00, 8:00

AMC TYSONS CORNER 16
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DIGITAL 3D
MEET THE ROBINSONS IN DISNEY DIGITAL 3-D (G) 2:00, 4:40, 7:05, 9:30

GRINDHOUSE (R) ✓ 12:35, 3:00, 4:30, 7:00, 8:30, 10:45
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Television

THERE'S STILL ROOM ON CONAN'S COUCH: After just four episodes, NBC has pulled the plug on the Conan O'Brien-created "Andy Barker, P.I.," starring his former sidekick, Andy Richter. The final two episodes will air (be buried) on Saturday.

Run Out the Clock

'Friday Night Lights' wraps up its season — & maybe the series

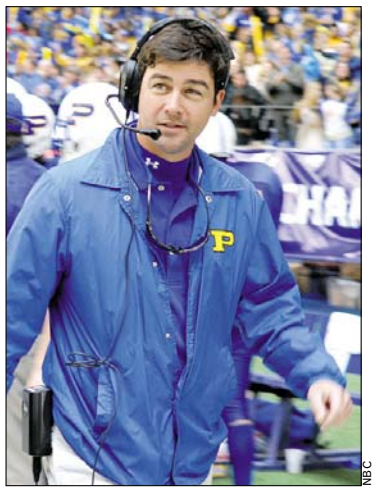
GAME OVER | I'm of two minds about the early season finale for "Friday Night Lights" (8 p.m., NBC). On one hand, it's sad to see a show as smart and demanding as this documentary-style soap opera bow out before its time. On the other hand, NBC is to be praised for allowing this ratings-bleeding critical darling to last as long as it has and complete a full and satisfying season.

Some years back, NBC pulled the plug on the superlative "Freaks and Geeks" a few weeks into its run. Viewers were able to watch remaining episodes on cable and on DVD, and "Freaks" remains one of the best shows of the past 10 years.

I have a feeling that "Friday Night Lights" will reach a wider and more appreciative audience on DVD than it has enjoyed in the middle of the week at 8 p.m., without any network lead-in. Some parents also felt uncomfortable about letting children watch a show with so much sexual dialogue.

Tonight's finale comes down to Coach Taylor's decision to leave Dillon, Texas, for the greener pastures of a university coaching job. And that seems as good a way as any to close the door on a season and, possibly, a series.

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)



NBC

Coach Taylor may have guided his last game — and starred in the last "Friday."

ON TV TONIGHT

FINALLY, IT DOES US PART

The season ends for **'TIL DEATH** (8 p.m., Fox), Brad Garrett's first post-"Raymond" sitcom. This show's consistently glum look at married life failed to win many critics or find many viewers.

SNIPPING THEIR WAY TO FAME

Folks have long speculated about the 500-channel TV universe and the programming possibilities. But who would have suspected there would be so many reality shows set in hair salons? Jaclyn Smith hosts **SHEAR GENIUS** (11 p.m., Bravo), a contest between 11 stylists. The winner will receive $100,000 from a shampoo manufacturer whose name I refuse to drop and a chance to style hair for a magazine devoted entirely to hair and makeup.

RAY MICKSHAW / FOX

KINDRED: Jennifer Lopez puts her right arm around her singing equal, Sanjaya.

BUT NONE WAS STRUCK TWICE

EXPLORER (8 p.m., National Geographic) talks to lightning strike survivors.

JUST JENNY FROM THE BLOCK

Jennifer Lopez performs on **AMERICAN IDOL** (9 p.m., Fox). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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	WTTG 5	Seinfeld CC	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Seinfeld CC	'Til Death (Season Finale) (N) CC		American Idol (S Live) CC		News		News	Every-Raymond
	WJLA 7	News CC	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	George Lopez (N)	George Lopez (N)	According to Jim	In Case-Emer	Lost "One of Us" (N) CC		News CC	(:35) Nightline (N)
	WUSA 9	News CC	Evening News	News	Entertainment	Jericho "A.K.A." (N) CC		Criminal Minds (N) CC		CSI: NY "What Schemes May Come"		News CC	Late Show
	WDCA 20	Scrubs CC	Scrubs CC	Judge Joe Brown	Judge Judy (N)	Saints & Sinners (N) CC		Saints & Sinners (N) CC		The Tyra Banks Show CC		Still Standing	Still Standing
	WMPT 22	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Business Rpt.	Artworks-Week	Secrets of the Dead CC		Auschwitz: Inside the Nazi State (Part 1 of 3) CC (DVS)				Stones From the Soil CC	
	WETA 26	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		National Geographic CC		Fat: What No One Is Telling You (N) CC				Charlie Rose (N) CC	
	WHUT 32	Business Schl	Tavis Smiley	BBC World News	Moneywise	More Yoga-Rest of Us		★★★ "Brooklyn Bridge" (1981)		BBC World News	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N) CC	
	WDCW 50	My Wife and Kids	My Wife and Kids	Friends CC	Friends CC	America's Next Top Model (N) CC		Pussycat Dolls-Search		Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Sex and the City	Sex and the City
BASIC CABLE	A&E	Cold Case Files CC		CSI: Miami "A Horrible Mind" CC		CSI: Miami "Camp Fear" CC		The Sopranos "Funhouse" CC			(:19) Intervention Jacob abuses drugs.		Gene Simmons
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries CC		The Most Extreme "Tough Babies"		Ocean's Deadliest (N)		Killer Crocs of Uganda CC		Miami Animal Police "Pit Bull Raid"		Ocean's Deadliest	
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live CC			Access Granted	The Parkers	The Parkers	Girlfriends CC	Girlfriends CC	Top 25 Dancers of All Time CC		Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx
	Bravo	Top Design "Life of the Party" CC		Top Design Dining room design.		Top Design Modern hotel room.		Top Design Magazine cover design.		Top Design Winner is named. CC		Shear Genius (Series Premiere) (N)	
	Comedy	(5:00) ★ "Dirty Work" (1998) CC		Scrubs CC	Scrubs CC	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Chappelle's Show	South Park CC	South Park (N)	Halfway Home (N)	Daily Show	Colbert Report
	Court	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Cops "Busts"	Cops CC	Most Shocking "Under the Influence"		Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Dunne: Power, Privilege & Justice		'Til Death Do	Forensic Files
	Discovery	It Takes a Thief "Peeping Jon" (N)		How It's Made	How It's Made	Hazard Pay Correctional officer. (N)		MythBusters Vocal firefighting. CC		Futureweapons "Massive Attack"		Dirty Jobs Gardening pots. CC	
	DISCH	Critical Incident 2: Priority One CC		Impact: Stories of Survival CC		Transplant: The Gift of Life CC		Plastic Surgery: Before and After		Surgery Saved My Life		Transplant: The Gift of Life CC	
	Disney	Hannah Montana	That's So Raven	Phil of the Future	Zack & Cody	★★ "Beethoven's 4th" (2001) Judge Reinhold. CC			That's So Raven	Life With Derek	Phil of the Future	Zack & Cody	That's So Raven
	E!	Full House: True Hollywood Story		E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	★★★ "The Big Lebowski" (1998, Comedy) Jeff Bridges, John Goodman.				Paradise City	Child Star Con.	E! News	The Daily 10
	FX	(5:30) ★★ "The Day After Tomorrow" (2004) Dennis Quaid, Jake Gyllenhaal.				★ "Gone in Sixty Seconds" (2000, Action) Nicolas Cage, Angelina Jolie, Giovanni Ribisi.					(:32) ★ "Gone in Sixty Seconds" (2000) Nicolas Cage.		
	HGTV	Look What I Did!	Rezoned (N)	If Walls Could	House Hunters	Designed to Sell	Buy Me	Design on a Dime	Design on a Dime	House Hunters	House Worth?	Junk Brothers (N)	Hammered
	Family	7th Heaven "Holy War" CC		Smallville "Rush" CC		★★★ "The Rookie" (2002, Drama) Dennis Quaid. A high-school baseball coach tries out for the major league. CC						The 700 Club CC	
	History	Shootout! "Wild West" CC		Modern Marvels: Gold Mines CC		Modern Marvels: Bricks CC		Modern Marvels: Insulation CC		Modern Marvels: Paint CC		Modern Marvels: Fire "Fire" CC	
	Lifetime	Reba CC	Reba CC	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba CC	Reba CC	★★ "Speak" (2004, Drama) Kristen Stewart, Michael Angarano. CC				Will & Grace	Will & Grace
	MTV	Exposed	Beauty and the Geek CC		Beauty and the Geek CC		Real World -- Road Rules Challenge		The Real World	The Real World	Road Rules (N)	Scarred	Nick Cannon
	NICK	Ned's School	Fairly OddParents	Fairly OddParents	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	Full House CC	Full House CC	Roseanne CC	Roseanne CC	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 Thor takes prisoners.		★★★ "Jason and the Argonauts" (2000, Adventure) Jason London, Dennis Hopper. The mythic adventurers set out to find the Golden Fleece.								"Riverworld" (2003) Brad Johnson.	
	SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation CC		CSI: Miami "Felony Flight" CC		CSI: NY "Manhattan Manhunt" CC	
	TBS	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	King of Queens	King of Queens	Friends CC	Friends CC
	TLC	Flip That House	Flip That House	Shalom in the Home "The Gibsons"		That's Gotta Hurt (N)		Untold Stories of the E.R. CC		Manar's Story: Born With Two Heads		That's Gotta Hurt	
	TNT	Law & Order "Bitch" CC (DVS)		Law & Order "Floater" CC (DVS)		Law & Order "Positive"		Law & Order "Payback"		Law & Order "Flaw" CC (DVS)		Without a Trace "Lone Star" CC	
	USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC	
	VHI	Fabulous Life Of...		Paris' Most Shocking Paris Hilton.		Caught on Tape		The 40 Hottest Rock Star Girlfriends... and Wives Beautiful partners.				When Jerry Springer Ruled the World	
SPAN.	TELEM	Daniela	Noti-Telemndo	Dame Chocolate		Marina		Zorro - La Espada y la Rosa		Decisiones		Noti-Telemndo	12 Corazones
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SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) CC			NBA Shootaround	NBA Basketball Orlando Magic at Detroit Pistons. (S Live) CC					SportsCenter (Live) CC		
	ESPN2	Amer. Dragster	NASCAR Now	MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park in Boston. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) CC						Boxing Willie Gibbs vs. Raymond Joval. From New York. (Live)			
	CSN	Washington	SportsNite (Live) CC		NBA Basketball Washington Wizards at Miami Heat. From the American Airlines Arena in Miami.					SportsNite (Live) CC		Best Damn Sports Show Period (Live)	
NEWS	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight CC		The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now CC		Larry King Live CC		Anderson Cooper 360 CC			
	FNC	Special Report (Live) CC		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (Live) CC		Hannity & Colmes (Live) CC		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor	
	MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball CC		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Scarborough Country		Young Lords of Chaos Killing.		Trail of Evidence (N)	
MOVIES	AMC	(5:30) ★★★ "Misery" (1990, Horror) James Caan, Kathy Bates. 'R'				★★ "Volcano" (1997, Action) Tommy Lee Jones, Anne Heche. 'PG-13' CC				(:15) ★★ "Halloween 4: The Return of Michael Myers" (1988) 'R' CC			
	TCM	1 Minute-Zero	★★ "The Next Voice You Hear" (1950) James Whitmore.			★★ "Stingaree" (1934) Irene Dunne. Premiere. 'NR' CC			★★ "Living on Love" (1937) 'NR'		(:45) ★★ "A Man to Remember" (1938) Edward Ellis.		
	HBO	★★★ "The Life and Death of Peter Sellers" (2004) Geoffrey Rush. 'NR'				★★ "The Ice Harvest" (2005) John Cusack. 'R' CC			Entourage CC	Real Time With Bill Maher CC		The Sopranos CC	
	MAX	(:15) ★★★ "Wedding Crashers" (2005, Comedy) Owen Wilson. 'R' CC				(:15) ★★ "Something New" (2006) Sanaa Lathan. 'PG-13' CC				★★★ "Inside Man" (2006, Suspense) Denzel Washington. 'R' CC			
	SHOW	(5:55) ★★★ "The Assassination of Richard Nixon" 'R'			This Am. Life	The Tudors "Episode 2" (iTV) CC		★★ "Elizabethtown" (2005) Orlando Bloom. iTV. 'PG-13' CC				Penn & Teller	This Am. Life
	TMC	(:05) ★★★ "Maverick" (1994, Western) Mel Gibson. 'PG' CC				(:15) ★★★ "Mad Hot Ballroom" (2005, Documentary) Premiere. 'PG' CC				★★★ "Evil Dead 2" (1987) Bruce Campbell. 'R' CC			★★ Jude (1996)
	STARZ!	(4:50) ★ "Jack" (1996) 'PG-13' CC		(6:50) ★★ "The Exorcism of Emily Rose" (2005) Laura Linney. 'PG-13' CC				★★ "Guess Who" (2005, Comedy) Bernie Mac. 'PG-13' CC				(10:50) "XXX: State of the Union"	
	ENCORE	Truth Abt Cats	(:35) ★★ "Valiant" (2005) Voices of Ewan McGregor. 'G'			★★ "Assassins" (1995, Action) Sylvester Stallone. 'R' CC				(:15) ★★ "The Legend of Zorro" (2005) Antonio Banderas. 'PG' CC			

BREACH OF CONTRACTOR: Hall of Fame receiver Michael Irvin is being sued by a contractor who claims the former Cowboys star grabbed his arm and injured him during a dispute over a $2,800 payment after being hired to install a fountain in Irvin's home. Irvin called the allegations "blackmail."

Sports

New NFL Policy Could Target Teams

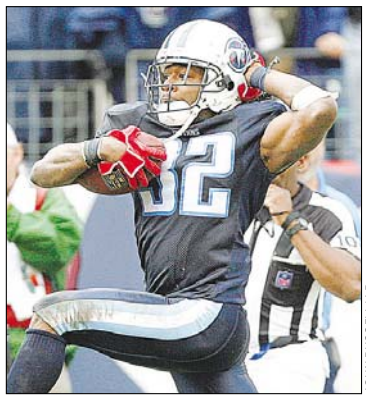
League will hold clubs responsible when their players misbehave

NFL | NFL teams will be disciplined when their employees, including players, violate the league's personal conduct policy.

Moments after announcing the one-year suspension of Titans cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones, and an eight-game ban for Bengals receiver Chris Henry, NFL commissioner Roger Goodell released his strengthened conduct policy Tuesday. Along with longer suspensions and larger fines for individuals who violate the policy, Goodell will hold teams responsible, as well.

He did not say how he would punish those teams, although stripping them of draft choices is considered one of the most effective ways to do so.

Jones' off-field conduct has included 10 instances in which he was interviewed by police. The most recent took place during the NBA All-Star weekend in Las Vegas. Police there recommended felony and misdemeanor charges against Jones after a fight and shooting at a strip club paralyzed one man. Henry was arrested four times in a 14-month span, resulting in two benchings by coach Marvin Lewis and a two-game league suspension.



JOHN RUSSELL/AP

Titans CB Adam "Pacman" Jones was suspended for the entire 2007 season.

"It is a privilege to represent the NFL, not a right," Goodell said in a statement. "These players and all members of our league have to make the right choices and decisions in their conduct on a consistent basis."

The strengthened standards apply to all NFL employees: players, coaches, officials, owners, front-office and league personnel. And Goodell emphasized in the new policy that those standards will be considerably tighter than outside the league.

"It is not enough to simply avoid being found guilty of a crime," the new policy says. "Instead, as an employee of the NFL or a member club, you are held to a higher standard and expected to conduct yourself in a way that is responsible, promotes the values upon which the league is based, and is lawful."

BARRY WILNER (AP)

Rutgers Community Blasts Imus

Players will meet with radio host to discuss comments, apology

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS | The Rutgers administration and women's basketball team blasted Don Imus' "despicable" remarks Tuesday, but stopped short of saying he should be fired and agreed to meet with the embattled radio host.

Starting Monday, Imus will be suspended for two weeks for calling the Rutgers players "nappy-headed hos."

Rutgers' athletic director, Robert E. Mulcahey III, thought a meeting with Imus offered the team's players a chance to listen to him and hear what he has to say. Several players said they wanted to ask the host why he would make such thoughtless statements.

"I could say that we honestly don't know what to expect from Don Imus," said Matee Ajavon, a member of the team that lost the NCAA women's championship game to Tennessee last week. "Right now I can't really say if we have come to a conclusion of whether we will accept the apology. What I can say I think this meeting will be crucial for us, the state of New Jersey and everybody representing us." REBECCA SANTANA (AP)

MITCHELL LAYTON/GETTY IMAGES

Alex Ovechkin, right, gives the Capitals something to start with. But the team wants to add veteran leadership this offseason.

Veterans, Not Draft, Will Be the Key

Caps get the fifth pick in the draft, but will look to add experience

CAPITALS | The Washington Capitals suffered one last defeat on Tuesday, falling one spot in the selection order for June's entry draft when the Chicago Blackhawks beat the odds in the lottery.

The Caps will pick fifth instead of fourth, but the chances of missing out on the next Alex Ovechkin or Sidney Crosby are slim. The teenagers selected at the draft rarely see NHL action right away, so clubs must turn elsewhere to fill immediate needs. Under considerable pressure to improve a team that hasn't made the playoffs since 2003, majority owner Ted Leonsis and General Manager George McPhee will be forced to wade into an uncertain free agent market.

"We are going to be active because there are holes in the lineup and we do need a bit more experience. The coaches and GM and the scouts think we're ready now to bring some people in that will make us better," Leonsis said.

When asked to identify those holes, Leonsis cited the Caps' poor power play and horrific overtime/shootout record as evidence the club needs more leadership and skill at center.

Last year's top draft pick, Swedish center Nicklas Backstrom, is expected to move to D.C., but experience will be hard to come by, especially after one of the most sought-after free agents, Pavel Datsyuk, resigned with Detroit and reshaped the market with a seven-year, $46.9 million deal. In order to improve significantly at the position, the Caps may now have to target Buffalo's Daniel Briere or New Jersey's Scott Gomez, who may be reluctant to leave Stanley Cup contenders for a more hockey-indifferent city like Washington.

The Caps, who do have several younger players to dangle in trades, also will be shopping for defensive help and a veteran winger. Though the club may have up to $12 million to spend, they can't ignore the fact that Ovechkin, Alexander Semin, goaltender Olie Kolzig and captain Chris Clark each will be seeking new deals after next season.

"He's a pretty happy young man," the owner said of Ovechkin, who will be a restricted free agent in 2008. "He knows what we're doing here. He's signed up for it."

Said the Russian, who will be one of several Caps playing for their respective national teams in the upcoming IIHF World Championship in Moscow, "I'm looking forward to play next year because you know, our owner will sign some good players, so it will be interesting summer and interesting season." BRIAN STRAUS

PLAYOFF MATCHUPS

Eastern Conference:

- Sabres vs. Islanders
- Devils vs. Lightning
- Thrashers vs. Rangers
- Senators vs. Penguins

Western Conference:

- Red Wings vs. Flames
- Ducks vs. Wild
- Canucks vs. Stars
- Predators vs. Sharks

Sports

SECOND CLASS: Former Michigan pitcher Jim Abbott, who was born without a right hand and went on to play in the major leagues, was among 11 former players and coaches elected to the College Baseball Hall of Fame on Tuesday as part of the Hall's second class of inductees.

'NBA's Best' Means Nothing Now

The Mavericks cruise to a No. 1 seed, but they don't care about that

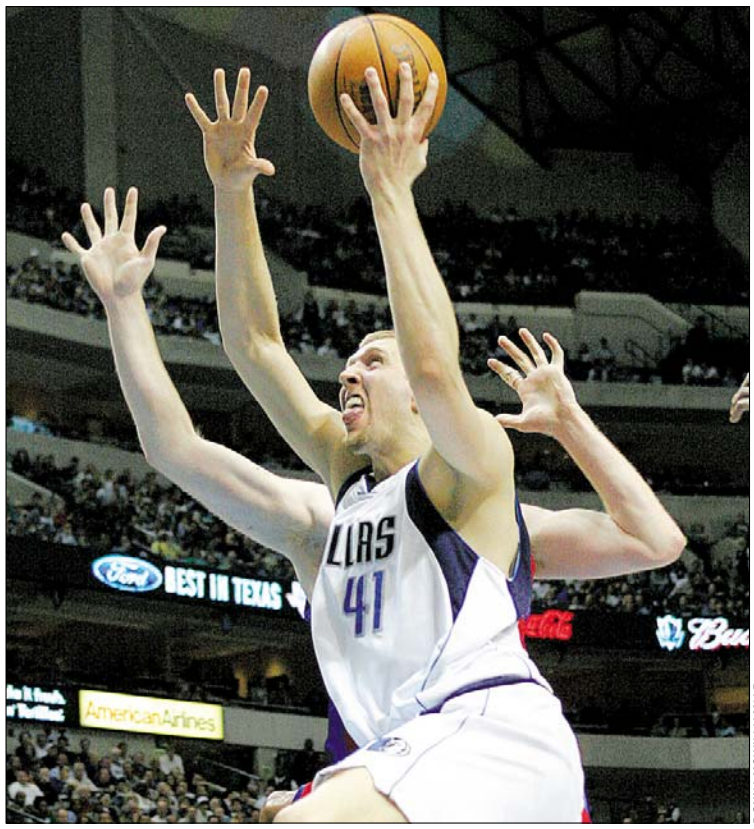
NBA | The Dallas Mavericks can call themselves the best team in the NBA in 2006-07.

"That and a dollar," team owner Mark Cuban said, "leaves you with a dollar."

Dallas has won 64 games with five left. Winning them all would tie the team for the second-best record in league history. Even if the Mavs lose them all, they're still guaranteed the most wins in the league this season and the most in team history.

They've also secured the top seed in the playoffs, another franchise first, and they've won only the second division title in their 27 seasons.

While everyone is proud of they've accomplished, nobody is making a big deal out of it. Not after being halfway to the championship last year, then blowing it with four straight losses.



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THINKING AHEAD: The Mavs are guaranteed to finish as the NBA's best team and will post a franchise record for wins. But last year's loss in the NBA finals still hurts.

"Our emphasis is on improving — each game, each practice, getting better and positioning ourselves to get back to the finals," point guard Jason Terry said. "I haven't gotten over [last year] yet. Finish — that's our motto this year."

Still, there's something to be said about having the best record in the entire league. Even just being the top seed in the tough Western Conference is enough of a challenge to have been worth setting as a preseason goal.

"We've never talked about it," coach Avery Johnson said. "All we do is go out every night and try to meet certain criteria offensively and defensively. Then, after 82 games, we see how we've met that criteria. If you make the playoffs, you have a chance to win the championship."

JAIME ARON (AP)

Late game: The Wizards-Nets game ended after Express' deadline. For results | **Today's Post, Sports**

DEBORAH CANNON/AP

Kevin Durant averaged 25.8 points and 11.1 rebounds his freshman season.

Durant Leaving For NBA

Frosh says goodbye to college after just one season at Texas

BASKETBALL | Kevin Durant is done with college.

Durant, an 18-year-old Texas freshman and The Associated Press player of the year, said Tuesday he's leaving the Longhorns to enter the NBA draft.

"I enjoyed my year here at Texas," Durant said in a statement released before his news conference. "All the fans and everyone here at Texas made me feel right at home, considering I was so far from home. I will always be a Longhorn and never forget what the people of Texas have done for me."

After an All-American season in which he swept the major player of the year awards, few expected Durant, who averaged 25.8 points and 11.1 rebounds per game, to play another season in college.

Now the question is whether he'll be the first pick of the June 28 draft. Durant and Ohio State's freshman center Greg Oden — who has not yet said whether he'll leave college — are considered the likely first two picks.

Players have until April 29 to declare for the June 28 draft in New York. JIM VERTUNO (AP)

Red Sox Sail Past Mariners in Home Opener

BASEBALL | The Red Sox welcomed the Seattle Mariners to Boston with a whole different kind of storm.

Pelting World Series star Jeff Weaver with seven runs in the first two innings, the Red Sox celebrated their home opener with a 14-3 victory on Tuesday in the Mariners' first game since a blizzard snowed them out of four straight in Cleveland.

Weaver

Jason Varitek and Kevin Youkilis each had three of Boston's 14 hits, and J.D. Drew homered in his first official Red Sox at-bat at Fenway Park. Josh Beckett (2-0) pitched seven innings of two-hit ball, striking out eight and allowing one run while retiring the last 15 batters he faced. JIMMY GOLEN (AP)

"It has nothing to do with anybody, other than I had enough of it. I don't want to be around that sort of thing anymore. I just want to be at peace with myself."

—**Hank Aaron**, who told the Atlanta Journal-Constitution that he wouldn't fly to see Barry Bonds break his home run record.

Pressel Is Far From Normal

18-year-old golfer has had a crazy week since winning her first major

WOMEN'S GOLF | Morgan Pressel has one word to describe the last few days since becoming the youngest major champion in LPGA history.

"Crazy," she said.

Normal is nowhere in sight for this 18-year-old.

The golf clubs she used to win the Kraft Nabisco Championship this month were stolen. Her grandfather, Herb Krickstein, thinks they were swiped at the airport in Palm Springs, Calif.; Pressel believes someone took them when she landed in Fort Lauderdale. She got a flat tire on the way to practice last week, and people she doesn't even know are approaching her nonstop with well-wishes.

"I can't walk 5 feet without somebody saying congratulations," Pressel said. "And it's so cute to know that so many people actually did watch and it's such a big deal for me."

CHRIS CARLSON/AP

After winning the LPGA Kraft Nabisco Championship, her first major victory, golfer Morgan Pressel, center, jumped into the lake with her caddie and grandmother.

Yet now, Pressel is back to work this week at the Ginn Open near Orlando, meaning the period of basking in major championship glory — and her first tour win — is over.

The season is a long way from over, yet Pressel — now the world's No. 4 player and the top American woman on that list — is already fielding questions about the possibility of winning player of the year and other top honors. She finds it all very flattering.

"I've always had high expectations and I've always demanded a lot from myself as far as my golf game and my career," Pressel said. "If it changes anything, it just gives me more confidence." TIM REYNOLDS (AP)

United, Chelsea Advance to Semis

SOCCER | Manchester United and Chelsea advanced to the semifinals of the Champions League on Tuesday, putting at least two English teams into the last four of Europe's top club competition.

United routed AS Roma 7-1 in the second leg of the quarterfinals to advance 8-3 on aggregate. Chelsea came back from a goal down to edge Valencia 2-1 and advance 3-2 on aggregate. Michael Essien scored the winner in injury time.

Liverpool, which beat PSV Eindhoven 3-0 in the first leg, could make it three English teams in the semifinals when it hosts the Dutch team in Wednesday's second leg. (AP)

ALEX LIVESEY/GETTY IMAGES

Cristiano Ronaldo, left, celebrates scoring United's fifth goal in a 7-1 win.

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

WIZARDS (7:30 P.M. ON COMCAST) The Wizards try desperately to get a win against rival Miami, which has had some problems recently as well.

NATIONALS (7:35 P.M. ON MASN2) Jerome Williams takes the mound for the Nats, who are still in Atlanta, against the Braves.

ORIOLES (7 P.M. ON MASN) Justin Verlander gave up just one unearned run in his first start. On Wednesday, the Orioles take a shot at him.

HOCKEY PLAYOFFS (7 P.M. AND 10 P.M. ON VERSUS) First, Sidney Crosby and the Penguins get their first shot at the Ottawa Senators. Then, Vancouver hosts Dallas in a Western Conference matchup.

SOCCER (2:30 P.M. ON ESPN2 AND 5 P.M. ON ESPN CLASSIC) The UEFA Champions League playoffs continue with more quarterfinal games.

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Birthplace of a Legend

King Arthur's ghost continues to lure tourists to Tintagel

ROYAL TRIP | Storms and gusting winds have chiseled away at this corner of southwestern England for centuries, but the legends that inhabit the area still loom large.

The rocky headland near the village of Tintagel has become so entwined with the legend of King Arthur that its true history seems almost incidental, despite a collection of rough stone foundations and listing walls that hint at its rich past.

According to various poems, stories and popular myths, it was here, at the fortress of a Cornish duke, that Arthur was conceived. Later versions of the story say Arthur was born at the site and may have lived here for a time.

There's no question a medieval castle was built at Tintagel by Richard, Earl of Cornwall, a younger brother of King Henry III. Tantalizing remnants of that structure — crumbling stone barriers and doorways — are still visible.

But regardless of its history, real or imagined, Tintagel offers remarkable glimpses of sheer cliffs that stand tall above the sea.

The massive outcropping is almost an island, connected to land only by a narrow and deeply eroded passage. For travelers willing to hike dirt paths and climb long flights of wooden stairs that curl up the cliffs, the visual delights are many.

Those who make the trip to Tintagel can wander the crags and dizzying cliff tops, stalk the ghost of Arthur and soak up the salty air and scenery for its own sake.

The story behind the legend of Arthur was first introduced by Geoffrey of Monmouth, a writer whose "History of the Kings of Britain" was among the most popular books of the Middle Ages, though it was largely fictitious.

The book describes a fortress at Tintagel belonging to a Cornish duke named Gorlois whose wife attracted the attention of a king, Uther Pendragon. The king summoned a sorcerer, Merlin, to magically give him Gorlois' appearance so that he could enter the castle.

In return, Merlin asked that Uther father a child — Arthur — to be raised by Merlin until the child fulfilled his destiny of becoming king.

By the time Richard built his castle, the story had been elaborated upon, portraying Tintagel as the place where Arthur was born and perhaps lived, according to an English Heritage guidebook.

Generations of visitors, including writers such as Dickens and Tennyson, have traveled to Tintagel to see the place reputed to be a cornerstone of the Arthurian legend. For today's visitors, its natural splendor may be just as rewarding.

DANIEL LOVERING (AP)

DANIEL LOVERING/AP

ROUND TABLE, FULL CIRCLE: The rocky headland near the village of Tintagel has become so entwined with the legend of King Arthur that its true history seems almost incidental. It's said in legends that Arthur was conceived there and raised by Merlin.

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- **Getting There:** Tintagel is about 215 miles southwest of London and is accessible by either car or bus.
- **Cost:** The entrance fee for the castle is $8.50 for adults and $4.35 for children between 5 and 15. Children under 5 get in free.
- **Accommodations:** There are guesthouses and hotels a short walk from the castle.

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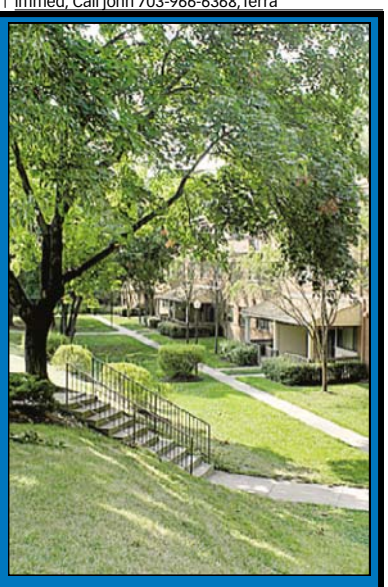

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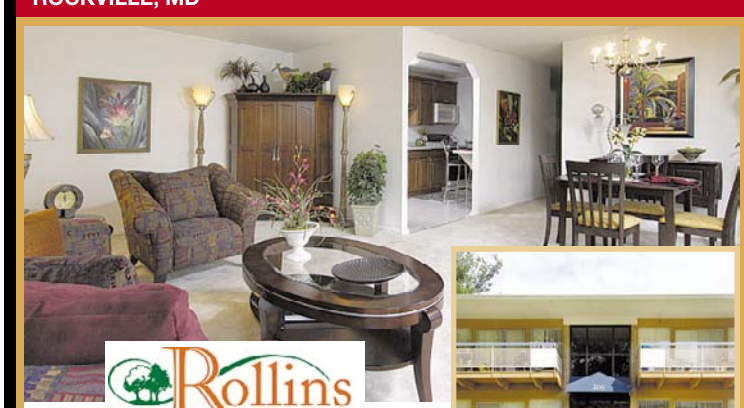

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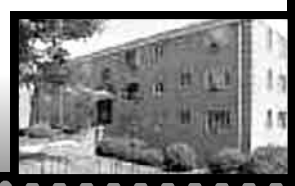

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> "As years go on, I hope people realize bowling is a sport and it is challenging."
>
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They are, after all, bowlers. On athletic scholarships, no less.

"People think bowling is about drinking beer in a Saturday night league," Baker said. "That's not even close to what we do."

Vanderbilt coach John Williamson said he heard all the wisecracks when he told folks he was leaving his job as director of baseball operations to start his school's varsity bowling program three years ago.

"People would say, 'Do they eat nachos, smoke and drink beer?'" Williamson said. "The jokes sort of get old. People should come and look at the girls competing. It's no different than any other college sport."

Bowling has been a club sport at colleges for decades. Varsity programs sprung up in the 1990s, and the sport got a major boost in 2003 when the NCAA began sponsoring a women's bowling championship after the minimum 40-program requirement was met.

There are now 51 programs, and the mix is eclectic, judging by the top five teams in the National Tenpin Coaches Association poll — Fairleigh Dickinson, Nebraska, Vanderbilt, New Jersey City University and Central Missouri State.

"When the NCAA became a part of bowling, that showed we are a sport and we work as hard as anybody," Burgoyne said. "As years go on, I hope people realize bowling is a sport and it is challenging."

Nebraska is the standard of success. The Cornhuskers won the first two NCAA-sanctioned championships in 2004 and '05 before Fairleigh Dickinson ended their run last year.

Fairleigh Dickinson and Vanderbilt are new power programs that will join Nebraska and five other teams in the NCAA Championships on April 14 in Apopka, Fla.

Fairleigh Dickinson was the school that got bowling to the 40-school plateau — a point of pride for coach Mike LoPresti.

"College bowlers defy all stereotypes," LoPresti said. "You still see the smokers and drinkers in the Wednesday night adult league at the local alley. That's not us."

LoPresti's team practices on the lanes nine to 12 hours a week and spends another six hours a week in the school's fitness center. A nutritionist accompanies the team on road trips, and LoPresti employs the services of a sports psychologist as well.

"We are definitely athletes," LoPresti said. "It's a grueling season from the end of October until the middle of April. We train and compete at the highest level, and that means we have to keep our bodies strong." (AP)

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Outsourcing

India's growing tech sector is running out of qualified workers

At the heart of the sprawling corporate campus, in a hilltop building overlooking the immaculately shorn lawns, the sports fields and the hypermodern theater complex, young engineers crowd into a classroom.

They are India's best and brightest, with stellar grades that launched them into a high-tech industry growing at more than 25 percent annually.

And their topic of the day? Basic telephone skills.

"Hello?" one young man says nervously, holding his hand to his ear like a phone. "Hello? I'd like to leave a message for Number 17. Can I do that?"

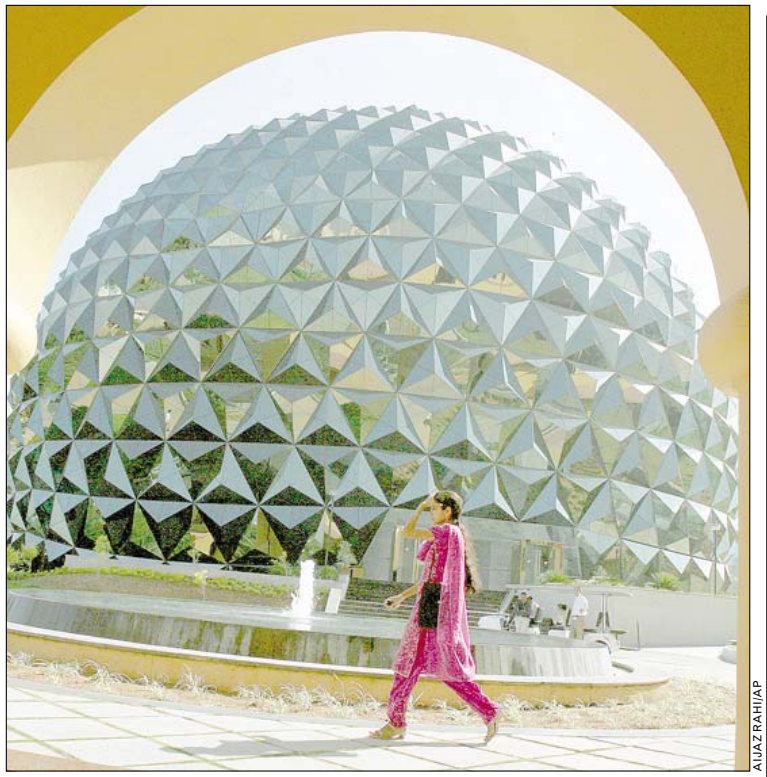
Nearly two decades into India's phenomenal growth as an international center for high technology, the industry has a problem: It's running out of workers.

There may be a lot of potential — Indian schools churn out 400,000 new engineers, the core of the high-tech industry, every year — but as few as 100,000 are actually ready to join the job world, experts say.

So, the country's voracious high-tech companies, desperate for ever-increasing numbers of staffers to fill their ranks, have to go hunting.

"The problem is not a shortage of people," said Mohandas Pai, human resources chief for Infosys Technologies, the software giant that built and runs the Mysore campus for its new employees. "It's a shortage of trained people."

From the outside, this nation of 1.03 billion may appear to have a bottomless supply of cheap workers with enough education to claim more outsourced Western jobs.



AIJAZ RAHI/AP

An employee walks past the four-story theater complex at Infosys Technologies' corporate campus. The company is spending millions to train workers in India.

But things look far different in India, where technology companies are spending hundreds of millions of dollars in a frantic attempt to ensure their profit-making machine keeps producing.

"This is really the Achilles' heel of the industry," said James Friedman, an analyst with Susquehanna Financial Group, an investment firm based in Bala Cynwyd, Pa.

Much of India's success rests on the fact that its legions of software programmers work for far less than those in the West — often for one-fourth the salary. If industry can't find enough workers to keep wages low, the companies that look to India for things like software development will turn to competitors, from Poland to the Philippines, and the entire industry could stumble.

Responses to the problem range from private "finishing schools" polishing the computer skills of new graduates to multimillion-dollar partnerships spanning business, government and higher education. The biggest companies have built elaborate training centers. The Mysore campus, for instance, was little more than scrub-filled fields when Infosys, India's second-largest software firm, began building here in earnest three years ago.

> "The problem is not a shortage of people. It's a shortage of trained people."
>
> **MOHANDAS PAI**, INFOSYS

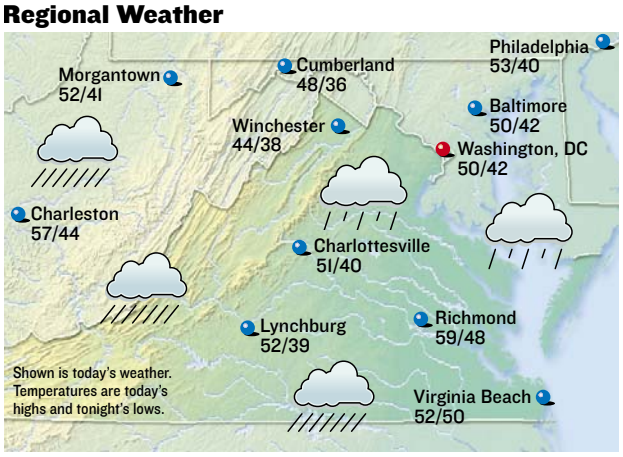
Infosys spent $350 million on the campus and will spend $140 million this year on training, said Pai, the human resources chief.

"This is the enormous cost we have to pay to ensure we have enough people," he said. TIM SULLIVAN (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Rain, drizzle in the afternoon	Cold, rain at times	Decreasingly cloudy	Partly sunny	Afternoon thunderstorms possible	Mostly cloudy, a chance of rain
50°	42°	56° / 40°	60° / 45°	65° / 52°	59° / 41°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Tues.

Temperature

High	51°
Low	35°
Normal high	65°
Normal low	44°
Average humidity	42%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.39"
Normal month to date	0.93"
Year to date	8.26"
Last year to date	7.02"
Normal year to date	10.37"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: **washingtonpost.com/weather**

Regional Forecast

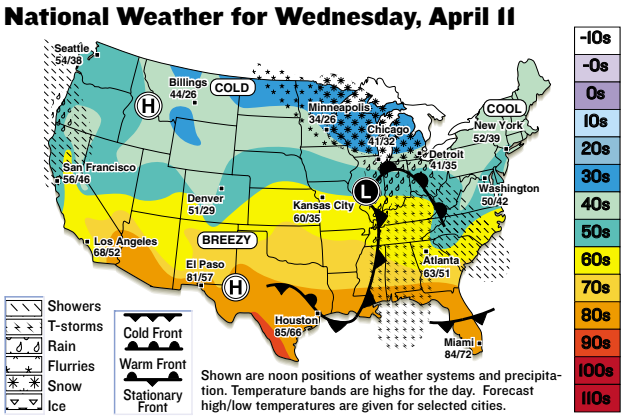
D.C. Metro: Today, cloudy, rain, drizzle in the afternoon. High 50. Wind southeast 7-14 mph. Tonight, rain. Low 42. Wind east 8-16 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:38 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:41 p.m.
Moonrise today	3:21 a.m.
Moonset today	12:55 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
Apr 17	Apr 24	May 2	May 10

National Weather for Wednesday, April 11



National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thur. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	63/51/t	73/53/pc
Boston	47/33/s	42/31/sn
Chicago	41/32/sn	48/31/pc
Dallas	75/52/s	78/65/pc
Denver	51/29/pc	47/26/sh
Honolulu	83/71/s	84/71/s
Los Angeles	68/52/pc	66/50/pc
Miami	84/72/t	84/71/t
New York City	52/39/pc	45/37/r
Orlando	86/68/t	85/68/t
Seattle	54/38/s	54/42/c

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thur. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	63/41/pc	64/46/c
Athens	72/52/pc	66/45/s
Berlin	59/46/pc	64/43/s
Buenos Aires	68/54/r	70/55/s
Calgary	38/25/c	43/30/c
Dublin	57/45/pc	59/45/pc
Geneva	70/46/s	67/48/c
Moscow	45/36/pc	43/26/sn
Rome	70/48/s	72/52/s
Sydney	72/55/pc	71/59/pc
Tokyo	59/46/sh	59/52/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Bangles Are Back

Not the band, alas: bracelets jangle into style again

(1) From the Frank Gehry collection, these sterling-silver bracelets are from Tiffany. **(2) Tanya Farah jeweled bangles** are made of 14-karat gold. **(3) Unusual materials**, like the ribbon on this one from Kohl's, are popular. **(4) Metallic prism** bangles from Sequin Jewelry Company add heavy metal to any outfit.

You can't really say that bangle bracelets are back, since they never completely went away, but this season they're a full-fledged fashion trend. The way to wear them is in stacks, so get used to hearing that jingle-jangle or clickety-clack they make as a cluster shimmies up and down the arm.

The sound they make depends on the materials they're made of, and right now anything goes, says Kim Renk, co-founder and co-designer of jewelry company Sequin. "There's something sexy about the jingle. It's like the bell of a woman calling your attention," Renk said.

There are bangles to be found in all price ranges, from Candie's kelly green ribbon bangle for $16 at Kohl's to the $625 Frank Gehry Tube bangle made of sterling silver and ebony wood for Tiffany & Co.

Bangles made their biggest splash in the 1960s as the kitschy complement to mod miniskirts and then resurfaced in the '80s and — like today, another period that borrows from the '60s.

Linda Renk, Kim Renk's sister and business partner, picks chunky prism bangles with a metallic sheen as her No. 1 choice for this summer. She says they'll look great with all the pop art-printed clothes out there, as will the plastic bracelets that take color so well and look best in thicker styles.

"Clothing always dictates accessories and, this season, the clothes are fun," adds Kim Renk.

(Her favorites, however, are the classic bamboo bracelets, most common in gold or silver tones.)

What makes a bracelet a bangle is that it's circular, stiff and without links, says Silvio Hidalgo, president and designer of Florida-based jeweler Hidalgo, which claims enamel and diamond jewelry as its specialty.

A clasp is optional, he explains, but bracelets without clasps will move a lot more on the arm. A bangle with a clasp can be narrower and tends to have a more oval shape. Bangles with a clasp also tend to be more expensive, he adds.

There also are hinged cuffs, which open and close like Ms. Pac-Man's mouth, that look more like bangles than cuffs. The latter are tighter fitting bracelets that never fully complete their circle.

The trend right now is to wear a mix of widths at the same time, though Hidalgo says he likes the look of a single bracelet type in a variety of colors.

Kim Renk, wearing a slew of thin turquoise-and-silver bangles with a turquoise-and-silver python-print dress, says you can never wear too many bracelets.

But her sister says that if you go past the elbow, you've gone too far.

SAMANTHA CRITCHELL (AP)

Politicos

Stylin' in Scarves

House Speaker **NANCY PELOSI** kept a diplomatic fashion accessory on hand throughout a recent Mideast tour — an array of colorful scarves draped around her neck, ready to be pulled over her hair when Islamic custom required. Pelosi needed to cover up only once, when she visited a historic mosque in Damascus. She slipped a silky white scarf with yellow flowers over her head and tied it under her chin. She also pulled a black abaya robe, decorated with a gold-colored band across the front, over her lime-green pantsuit. (AP)

Beauty

An Ace of a Base

Looking for a blank facial canvas? Try the new **MAT VELVET + MATIFYING FOUNDATION** from Make Up For Ever ($34, Sephora). This is not a base that provides "natural" coverage: Everything is going down. Blemishes, dark circles, everything. Of course, that means that you'll need blush or bronzer to add some color back. Those looking to start from scratch, face-wise, should cast a glance this way. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

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ENTERTAINMENT

Huggable Hip-Hop

"The people [who] check out a Kid Koala show are a pretty fun-loving people," the man himself told Express contributor Katherine Silkaitis ahead of his Wednesday performance at the Rock and Roll Hotel. "I try and make it like a really action-packed episode of 'The Simpsons.'" | ONLINE NOW

COMEDY

Yo Momma!

The District's Funniest College Competition 2007 finalists — well, most of them — gave Express contributor Kris Coronado their best (or worst) "Yo momma!" jokes. On Wednesday, these comedic competitors square off at the Improv. | COMING UP

FREE RIDE

Give Your Take on Metro

Metro and the Riders' Advisory Council are hosting a public workshop about Metrorail tonight. According to a Metro press release, the session's purpose is to "give riders and the public the opportunity to provide input to Metro's RAC on how to improve Metrorail service." Find out more at readexpress.com. | ONLINE NOW

comment board

"The D.C. gun ban shows exactly what happens when you strip the rights of the law-abiding citizens to protect themselves. The criminals have guns, the law-abiding become hapless victims and the crime and murder rates skyrocket. Gun bans and radical gun control laws do not work."

COMMENTER JEFF, RESPONDING TO MONDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "SHOULD HANDGUNS BE BANNED IN WASHINGTON, D.C.?"

"While I do believe in the right to bear arms, I can see no justification for that right within the District itself. ... People enthusiastic about hunting should consider their hobby before moving into a city that has been successfully using a gun ban to prevent crime for more than 10 years."

COMMENTER DAVE, ALSO REACTING TO THE GUN BAN QUESTION.

poll center

TODAY'S QUESTION

Should NFL teams be penalized for players' misconduct?

1. Yes
2. No

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Should handguns be banned in Washington, D.C.?

AS OF 4 P.M. TUESDAY. NOT A SCIENTIFIC POLL.

SEE HOW YOUR METRO STATION VOTED AT READEXPRESS.COM/POLLCENTER.PHP

Blog LOG

"I went to see 'Grindhouse' this weekend just so I [could] have the pleasure of watching Fergie's brains get devoured by zombies."

DLISTED.COM IS NOT ALONE IN WISHING EVIL ON FERGIE OF THE BLACK EYED PEAS, WHO PLAYS TAMMY IN "PLANET TERROR," ONE OF THE MOVIE'S TWO SEGMENTS.

REED SAXTON/AP

"Why do gays get singled out for her rant? Are we more selfish than other minorities who are fighting for equality and acceptance?"

TOWLEROAD.COM REACTS TO COMMENTS ROSEANNE BARR MADE DURING A RADIO SHOW. BARR SAID SHE'S NEVER MET A GAY OR LESBIAN ACTIVIST INTERESTED IN "ANYTHING THAT WASN'T ABOUT THEM,"

"I ALWAYS love it when they're trying to act like they're on an important call, yet when you walk by their office you overhear them saying something mundane like: 'But, honey, I wanted Cheese Doodles.'"

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"AT AROUND NOON, fire fights erupted in the area and the sound of heavy machine guns was heard and from my rooftop. I could see Apache helicopters engage at least one target with 30mm cannon fire and perhaps small rockets."

IRAQTHEMODEL.BLOGSPOT.COM REPORTS ON FIGHTING IN BAGHDAD ON TUESDAY.

"NOW I'M GETTING a bit more anxious that it already came — or it's not coming at all — I've had the experience where buses just fail to show up entirely — 11:51 ... 11:52. I'd be most of the way there by now if I'd chosen to hoof it."

COMMUTER.TYPEPAD.COM RECOUNTS A STORY ABOUT WAITING FOR AN ARLINGTON BUS.

Live Online

Imus Reaction

Washington Post opinion columnist **EUGENE ROBINSON** was online Tuesday and discussed the controversy over Don Imus' remarks about Rutgers' women's basketball team.

Which part was more offensive: "nappy-headed" or "ho"? Because while both are offensive, it was the first that drew most of my attention, while your column seemed to focus on the second.

I didn't want the "ho" part to go overlooked. Both are insulting, and together they add up to more than the sum of their parts.

Don't you think that the loss of high-profile guests like Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, Cal Ripken, etc., will result in loss of interest and ratings for MSNBC? Even without a high-profile boycott, what corporation is going to continue advertising on his show?

It will be interesting to see how high-profile guests react. Sen. John McCain has said he is keeping a commitment to appear on the show. There are many big-time Washington journalists who appear regularly. I wonder whether they will continue, and I wonder what their bosses will think of that.

I selfishly find myself (an Imus listener) very saddened that this may be the end for his show — and struggle with the thought that one terrible comment will end his career and tarnish him as a racist/bigot. Should one comment define a career?

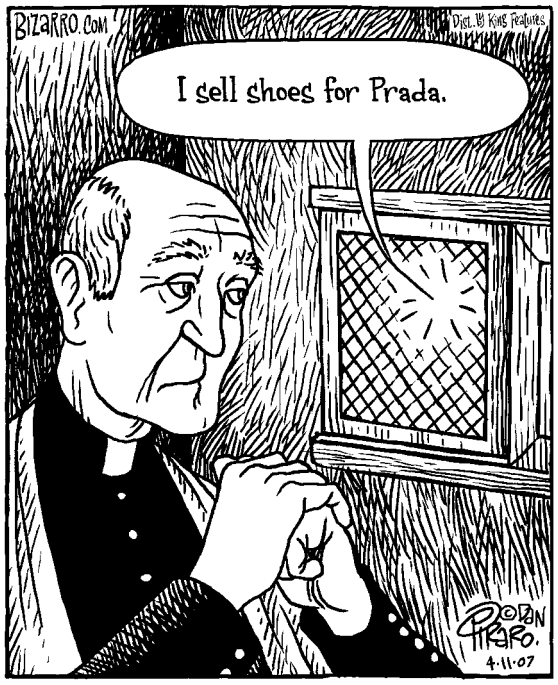
If this were the first time Imus had made a clearly racist comment, there would still be a controversy, but I think more people might be inclined to forgive. He has done this kind of thing consistently over the years. He has promised to stop, but he doesn't. So it's hard to believe him now.

TODAY ON LIVE ONLINE: Reliable Source columnists Amy Argetsinger and Roxanne Roberts talk about the continuing Anna Nicole saga at noon. | **washingtonpost.com/liveonline**

DO | **SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THE INTERNET.** If history has taught us one thing, it's that no idea is too good to be stolen. Here's your choice to tout your favorite Web site. Voting for the Webby's People Choice Awards (www.webbyawards.com) began Tuesday and runs through April 27.

Look out

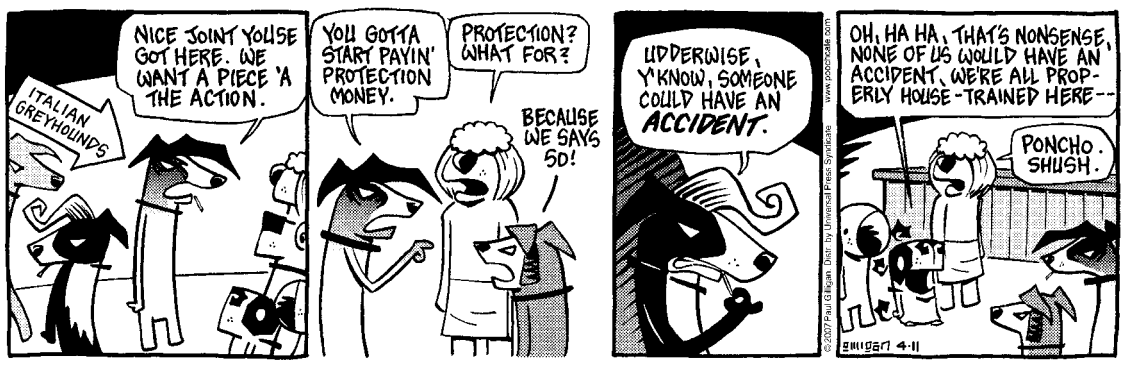
Bizarro | *Dan Piraro*



Cornered | *Mike Baldwin*

"You're right. It's time to come clean."

Pooch Cafe | *Paul Gilligan*



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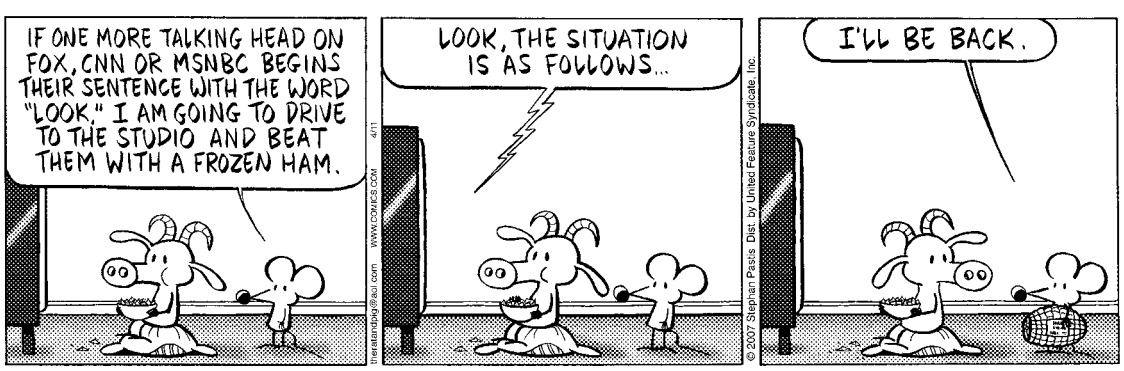

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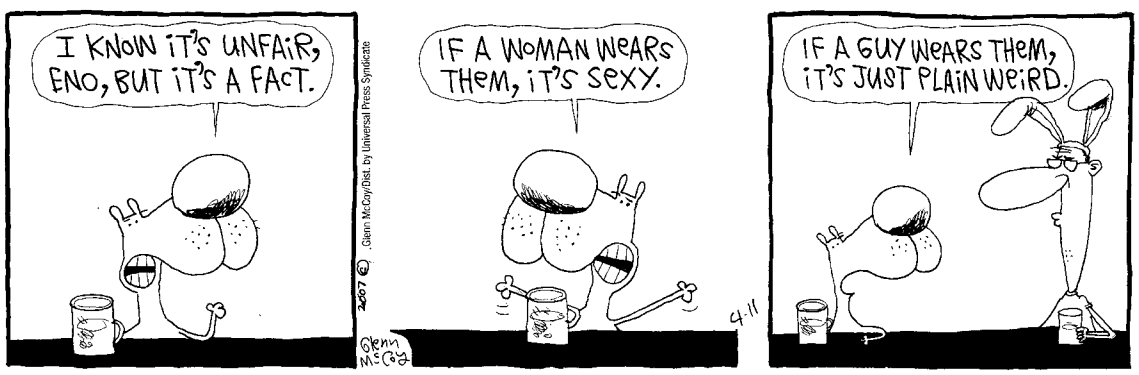

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A rival is likely to impress you with the depth of his or her commitment. You are on the verge of something that may indeed change your life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You'll discover the truth to a situation that enables you to address a certain problem in a new way. Others are likely to follow your lead.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may be surprised to discover you are actually doing better than you had supposed. Your definition of success is changing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You will have to be patient while serving the needs of others, but when it is your turn to have others tend to you, you'll have a field day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Make your feelings known as soon as you are aware of them, and you'll enjoy no end of benefits as a result of such openness and honesty.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Focus on details, but don't neglect to step back now and then and take in the big picture. Ultimately, it's the "whole" that really counts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You have what it takes to accomplish more than anyone else in the same position — thanks to your ability to change your mind on cue.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may be asked to believe in all manner of things that aren't really happening — but your imagination will surely see you through. Avoid tension.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You can be your own worst enemy yet again, but with the help of a friend, you can avoid doing the same old things that routinely hold you back.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Take care you don't allow your own instinctive responses to threats to intrude on what you really want to do. Control yourself at all times.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You should be able to learn to do certain things that don't come naturally, but you're likely to have a devil of a time. Be patient.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You'll be surprised to learn that someone quite different from you has a great many similarities, too. This may be the time to work together.

AP

About 56,000 people were starved, tortured and executed at Buchenwald.

Today in History

1689 William II and Mary II are crowned as joint sovereigns of Britain.

1814 Napoleon Bonaparte abdicates as emperor of France and is banished to the island of Elba.

1945 During World War II, U.S. soldiers liberate the notorious Nazi concentration camp Buchenwald in Germany.

1951 President Harry Truman relieves Gen. Douglas MacArthur of his commands in the far east.

1968 President Lyndon Johnson signs into law the Civil Rights Act of 1968, a week after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.

1970 Apollo 13 blasts off on its ill-fate mission to the moon.

1979 Idi Amin is deposed as president of Uganda as rebels and exiles backed by Tanzanian forces seize control.

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Look out | People

IVAN SEKRETAREV/AP

Take my hand, and lead me to salvation.

ONLINE

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MARTHA STEWART aims to parlay her authoritative voice to the millions of women who surf the Internet with the relaunch of her namesake site. Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc. — which scaled back its Web operation as a catalog/e-commerce business in 2005 — relaunched marthastewart.com Tuesday as an information portal. (AP)

MESSAGES

Every Day Is a Winding Road To a Weather Apocalypse

SHERYL CROW, riding aboard a bus that uses biodiesel fuel, is on an 11-stop college tour to raise awareness about global warming. Accompanying Crow is Laurie David, who produced "An Inconvenient Truth." Each stop will include remarks by David, a performance by Crow and a dialogue with students. (AP)

MARK J. TERRILL/AP

ARRESTS

This Is Overdue

The founder of the "Girls Gone Wild" video empire was taken into custody by federal marshals early Tuesday to face a contempt-of-court citation. **JOE FRANCIS** was booked into the Bay County, Fla., jail, said Ruth Sasser, a spokeswoman for the sheriff's office. "His attorneys continue to work toward a settlement," said Ronn Torossian, a Francis spokesman. (AP)

MILD INFRACTIONS

Today, He'd Be Welcome On the Disney Channel

Gov. Charlie Crist is being asked to pardon the late **JIM MORRISON**, lead singer of the Doors, 38 years after he was convicted of exposing himself during a Miami concert. Dave Diamond, a cable TV producer from Dayton, Ohio, wrote to Crist last month asking for the pardon. Diamond said the goal is to remember the Melbourne, Fla., native as an artist, not a bad boy with a rap sheet. "Well, given that fact, I'm certainly willing to review it," said Crist. Morrison was charged days after a concert in 1969. He allegedly exposed himself and simulated a sex act, which he denied doing. Morrison was acquitted on a felony charge for lewd and lascivious behavior, but was convicted of indecent exposure and profanity. (AP)

FRAZER HARRISON/GETTY IMAGES

"I'm worthless, untalented, hideous, boring and unlovable. Buy my album!"

BUMMERS

California Falls off U.S. Under Weight of Mandy Moore's Self-Hatred

MANDY MOORE considers herself "mediocre" at both acting and singing. "I'm not trying to come across as self-deprecating," she said in the May issue of Elle. "I'm just being honest." The 23-year-old has an album out in June — "Wild Hope" — but she doesn't want to build expectations. "I just want people to know I still sing. Most people don't realize that, or else they hate my music — rightfully so," she said to Elle. Perhaps she'll like it more than her previous work, which she called "trite, blah pop music." (EXPRESS)

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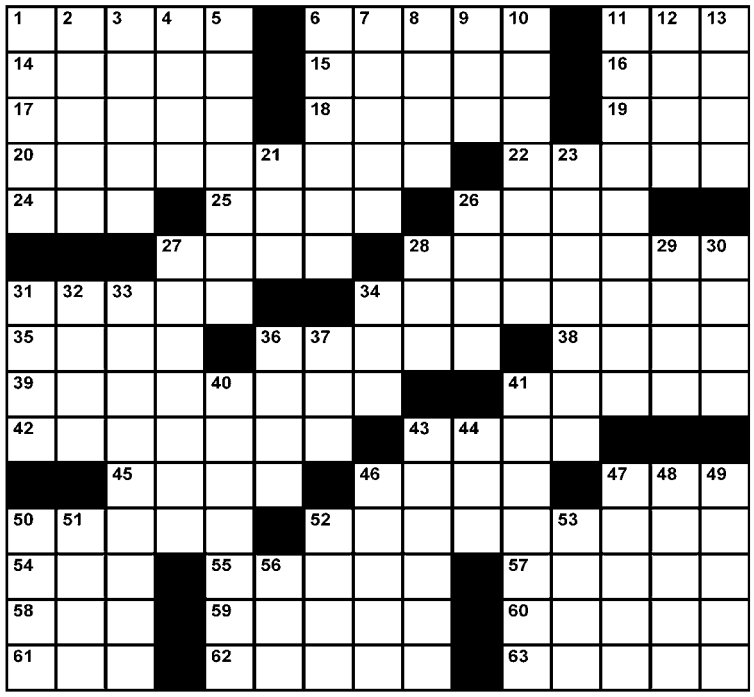

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6 Wealthy one
11 Part of a famous soliloquy
14 Half of an '80s crime-fighting duo
15 Zinc ___
16 "Shogun" sash
17 Open, as a bottle
18 Poet's concern
19 Perch, at first
20 Point of the Earth's axis
22 Took out the king?
24 Feminine pronoun
25 Couple's pronoun
26 No-thing connector
27 Geometrical figure
28 Obliquely
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38 Wallet stuffers
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55 Famous Roman fountain
57 Bovine trademark
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59 More fit for the task
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61 Blasting sticks
62 Appellation
63 Has a strong craving

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23 Paint remover or solvent
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27 Like some air conditioning
28 Type of whale
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37 Many home computers
40 "The Public Enemy" sound effect
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44 Granola morsel
46 Carpenter's need
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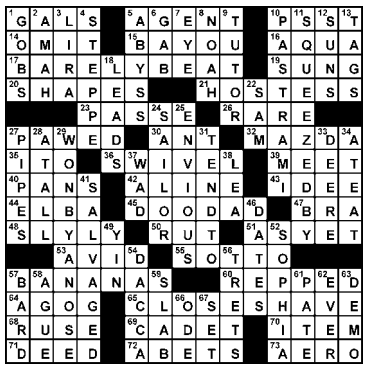

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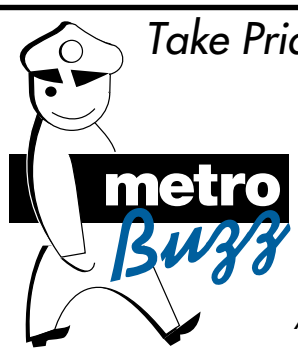

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Gabrielle Fronce reads like a lawyer. She thinks like a lawyer, writes like a lawyer and sometimes even talks like a lawyer. But the 34-year-old Sterling, Va., resident has never been to law school. She works in a field called contracting, which covers the procurement, negotiation, analysis, management of and termination of contracts.

"I considered going to law school for my field," says Fronce, who is 15 months into a Procurement & Contracts Management certificate program at the University of Virginia School of Continuing &

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Gabrielle Fronce studies her contracting options at UVa.'s Falls Church campus.

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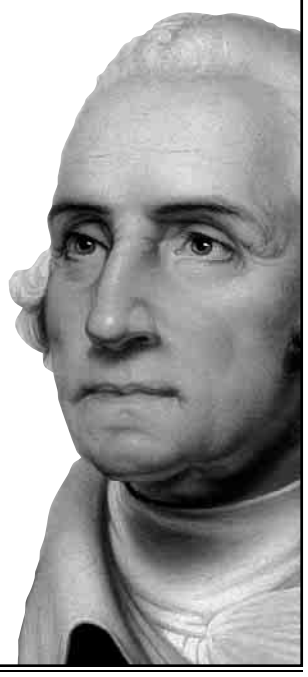

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Professional Studies in Falls Church (scps.virginia.edu). "This is a great compromise. It's not just law. It's dealing with people, putting contracts together and understanding all the verbiage."

Contracting is big business in the nation's capital, because anytime the government purchases a product or service, the process must comply with the Federal Acquisition Regulation, or FAR, a document so complex that employees — on both the government and contractor sides — don't ever expect to fully understand it. Rather, they learn through programs (like the one at UVa.) how and where to find answers to their questions about contracts.

The FAR, broken into 52 parts over 1,500 pages, is constantly changing. But its purpose of regulating government spending is critical, so the public can see where their money is going. As Northern Virginia Community College instructor Paul Holbert says, "It's a very rule-laden process, but if you don't understand it, it can get you in serious trouble."

According to several professors and administrators at local schools who teach contracting, this field is doing plenty of hiring these days, especially on the government side. "Every agency I've spoken with is worried because of the number of people who will retire in the next several years," says John Min, dean of the business and technologies division at NVCC. "It's one of those critical areas where the government is having a hard time recruiting people. [It doesn't sound] as exciting as sales or engineering, but students who are in the courses understand that it's a great career opportunity."

> "This can be a very lucrative field ... most of the federal agencies have headquarters here."
>
> **PAUL HOLBERT**, INSTRUCTOR

Fronce works full-time as the supervisor of service contracts for an IT company. The federal and commercial contracts she reviews can range from two to 200 pages and can be valued at up to $5 million. It can take her one hour or five days to complete a contract. She says the biggest eye-opener for her in the UVa. program has been new insight into how the government operates. "We're using the funds of the citizens of the United States," she says. "It's taxpayer money, so it needs to be regulated. It's my job to make sure it's all negotiated properly."

Fronce's classmate, Carolyn McDonald, 31, of Springfield, Va.,

ARE YOU CUT OUT FOR CONTRACTING?

So, you're thinking about a career in contracting? The good news is that there are plenty of jobs to be had in the field. Joseph Harrison, EdD, an adjunct professor at the University of Virginia's campus in Falls Church, says the industry is in "dire need of more qualified people." But before you leap in, take a minute to think about whether you and the profession are a good match. According to Harrison, here are a few key personality traits that might make you a good candidate for a job in contracting:

1. You're the kind of person who doesn't like loose ends and who wants to make sure everything is covered. In your work, that would translate into making sure all the appropriate clauses are included in the contract, all I's dotted and T's crossed.
2. You really want to serve the people of the United States and feel good about government service.
3. You are smart and have strong analysis and research skills.
4. You are inquisitive.
5. You have to be a people person to be a good contracts person. Negotiating skills are important, as well as understanding others. People don't buy from agencies or companies, Harrison notes. People buy from people. M.D.G.K.

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SIGNING ON THE DOTTED LINE: Procurement and Contracts Management students learn skills such as how to bid on and market multimillion-dollar government contracts.

says the program is much more complex and tedious than she expected, especially when it comes to keeping up on the FAR. But she says being in school while having a job at which she can immediately apply her new knowledge has been priceless.

"I'm learning so much more because I can put it into use," says McDonald, who works for a large consulting firm, which is paying for her enrollment in the UVa. program. "And I'm figuring out how to protect my firm from risk by understanding the rules and the bidding process."

NVCC's Woodbridge campus offers a one-year certificate program in Contract Management through its Continuing Education and Workforce Development office (nvcc.edu), which gives students an overview of contracting and takes them through the contracting cycle, from bid to award to management through close-out. Holbert says many of his students are small-business owners or work in the business office of their companies. There are classes on how to market to the federal government for contracts, how to bid for a contract and how to figure out pricing for contracts.

"Students know this can be a very lucrative field, when you consider most of the federal agencies have headquarters here," Holbert says. Salaries can range from about $40,000 to $75,000 and higher, based on experience and whether you're working for a small firm, a large firm or the government. Holbert says the government awards a contract approximately every 20 seconds, at an average dollar value of $465,000, for a total of about $200 billion annually.

David Honadle, a 38-year-old attorney who lives in Stafford, Va., says he took Holbert's class because he was working on a case that was tied into procurement law and he needed a better understanding of contracting. His case has since closed, but he plans to continue with the certificate program because he found it so informative.

"One of the best things is that other students have all this experience they're sharing," Honadle says. "One woman at the State Department gave a lot of real-life examples that helped me understand what we were studying."

Monica Thompson, 35, who served 12 years in U.S. Army intelligence, is also taking the certificate program to learn the ins and outs of government contracting. She started her own intelligence business this year.

> "They will think, 'She knows what this game is all about and how to play it.'"
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> **MONICA THOMPSON**, STUDENT

"We're discussing things in class that I need to know in my start-up, and our textbook is like a Bible to me," says Thompson, who is based in Alexandria. "I am also learning about the benefits to me as a small-business owner — like being a veteran and being a woman. This course talks about the advantages of those."

She says the certificate program is ideal for her, because she wasn't interested in sitting through another two years of school. "I'm just hoping the government buyer I'm dealing with will look at my resume and see the federal contractor certificate on there, and they will think, 'She knows what this game is all about and how to play it.'"

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POUNDING AWAY AT LIFE: Carolyn Allen works from her home in Springfield but inspires people all over the world to lose weight — and find themselves in the process.

Just Weight a Minute

Changing a lifelong battle of the bulge to a 60-second solution

Change Artists

When 57-year-old Carolyn Allen decided to change her life's direction, she went First Class all the way.

First Class being the "center for lifelong learning" that for years has offered noncredit workshops in everything from soap-making and flirting to public speaking and getting ahead at work. Not just one but two of these seminars led Allen to become an entrepreneur with a worldwide audience.

At the turn of the millennium, the Brigham Young University graduate was a Springfield mother of five, a former legal secretary in downtown D.C. who had struggled with extra pounds since adolescence. Using WeightWatchers, Allen finally reached and sustained her weight-loss goal and became a WeightWatchers meeting leader in 1999. She was honored as a leader of the year in 2003.

One practice that made her popular was that, at each meeting she led, she shared healthy living tips, affirmations and a recipe. "Thirty minutes wasn't enough," the bubbly Allen says, so in 2001 she began e-mailing her members a weekly newsletter. "Members started forwarding it all over the country," she says, "and at every meeting someone would say, 'Are you writing a book? I want it!'"

Such reactions began coming from strangers, too. "If people say you should write a book, you'd better figure out how," Carolyn's husband, Bob, told her. Remembering First Class from her time in downtown D.C., Allen signed up for self-publishing expert Dan Poynter's seminar in 2003, which she describes as how-to guidance mixed with a pep talk. The course was an eye-opener, she says: "I thought, 'My book is already half-written, and I have the best-seller in this audience!'" Realizing her family needed extra income, though, Allen shelved the project while leaving WeightWatchers to transform her newsletter into a Web site and charge daily readers a small fee. She contacted First Class "Magnetize Your Website" instructor Sally Strackbein, who also offers phone and in-person consultations.

Only after the site — myweightlossfriend.com— launched in 2004 did Allen review her notes from Poynter's class. Her first book was a downloadable document called "Rainbows for Today: Comfort, Hope, and Inspiration for Weight Loss Success" in October 2005. It came with a CD, made by KeySignature Music in Burke. But "my readers, mostly middle-aged women, want something to hold in their hands," the author says.

So, Allen worked with Rainmaker Publishing of Fairfax and a printed version, which came out last May. She changed the title to the more salable "60 Seconds to Weight Loss Success" and added 101 business-size cards with uplifting thoughts.

A year ago, Allen met with a Home Shopping Network official for advice about readying her products for major sales. A "self-discovery journal" titled "Write Away the Pounds" and a downloadable photo scrapbook called "My Weight Loss Journey" will be followed this year by a paperback version of "101 Scriptures for Weight Loss Success."

> "My book is already half-written, and I have the best-seller in this audience."
>
> **CAROLYN ALLEN**, AUTHOR

"Think about it," Allen says: "The first problem in Genesis was whether Eve should have something to eat — the apple!"

Fame may be ahead. With her original book, CD, and cards packaged as the "One Minute Weight Loss Inspiration System," Allen drove to Philadelphia on March 29 to compete in Oprah's Big Idea Product Search. Oprah Winfrey's company and QVC will call 10 finalists to appear on her TV show in May, when the audience will choose a winner.

"I have a passion about my online business, and it is quickly becoming a full-time income," Allen says. She's shipping books to Amazon every week, selling others' products on her site, promoting her own on others' sites, and exploring the speaking circuit.

"First Class paid for itself multiple, multiple times," says Allen.

The benefits have come full circle of late: She's begun teaching at First Class as well as through Fairfax County adult education. Her course? What else? "60 Seconds to Weight Loss Success."

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Toiling in an office often means working with jerks. So how do you deal with them without calling in sick every day or going on a murderous rampage? Writer and professor of management science Robert I. Sutton tells how in his new book, "The No A--hole Rule: Building a Civilized Workplace and Surviving

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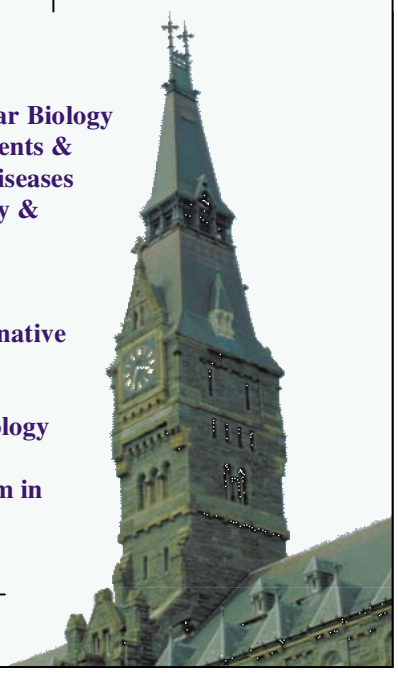

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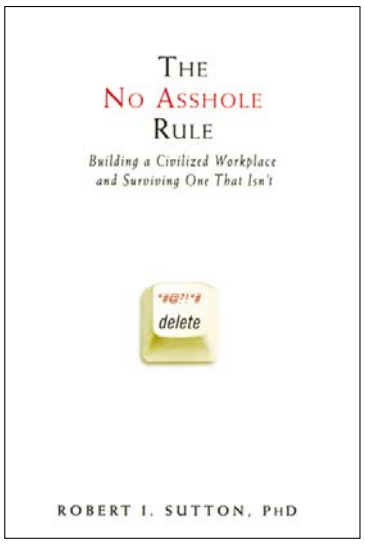

Robert I. Sutton explores the personalities that make the workplace a living hell.

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One That Isn't" ($23, Warner Business Books). In it, he bluntly lays out how to handle (and if you're lucky, maybe even fire) workplace bullies and take on 9-to-5 tyrants. Express' Jess Milcetich chatted with Sutton about the secrets of increasing productivity and improving the overall atmosphere in the workplace.

What is the "No A--hole Rule"?
To me, it's kind of a point of view, or really a rule, that some organizations have and most don't. They won't let people who are demeaning in the door if they possibly can, and if people start acting like that, they won't let them get away with it. And if they keep it up, they'll kick them out. It's that simple.

Why is it so important?
When I started reading academic literature from organizational psychologists on bullying, [I saw] the way it hurts people and costs organizations money. People are less committed to their jobs. To me, it ends up wasting people's careers.

The other part that's more sort of the capitalistic cost is the TCA, or Total Cost of A--holes. The most surprising thing: A Silicon Valley executive calculated the total costs of an employee who was burning through secretaries and needed anger-management counseling. It cost $160,000.

You can make a case that sometimes it's worth the trouble, but from my experience if it's causing so much damage and it's so unpleasant to be around, it's not worth it.

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FANTASY IN REAL LIFE: Hit shows like "The Office" make light of common office problems, from power-hungry execs to stealing someone else's lunch from the fridge.

So what are some of the infractions of these work jerks?
I have this list called the dirty dozen. It includes teasing and insulting and treating people as if they were invisible.

There are lots of different ways in which nasty people can do their dirty work, like doing things that leave the people they work with feeling demeaned and de-energized. Sometimes the stereotype is the boss in the three-piece suit with the veins bulging, but some of the most damage is done by people who are very subtle and do subtle put-downs. One of the most insidious things is to treat people as if they are invisible. There are lots of different ways to do your dirty work.

How do you screen when you are interviewing potential employees?
The interview is a lousy place to pick things up. There are little things you can look for. If they treat those who are "inconsequential" poorly, that's a sign. There was a Southwest Airlines pilot who was nasty to a receptionist. That was it. He was gone.

The other thing that I think is more powerful is checking out other people they've worked with and checking out what their reputation is.

Also, if there are known a--holes in your firm, you should watch out, because they breed. If you're in a group where people are insulting and that's the game, you're going to catch the disease. It's hard to survive in that environment.

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> **ROBERT I. SUTTON**, AUTHOR

How do you tell if you are the bad guy?
There's a self-test in the book with 24 items. There's this notion that self-awareness is part of it. I have a list of things like "people stop having fun when you come around" or "you take pleasure in other people's lack of performance."

I think there are two kinds of a--holes. The first know it. They're strategic and know what they have to do to get ahead. Sometimes that's true and sometimes that's false.

There's another kind. They are the ones who don't quite know how other people perceive them, and when you tell them, they're absolutely shocked.

Both kinds exist. I think it comes down to having people you can trust who are telling you when you are being a jerk.

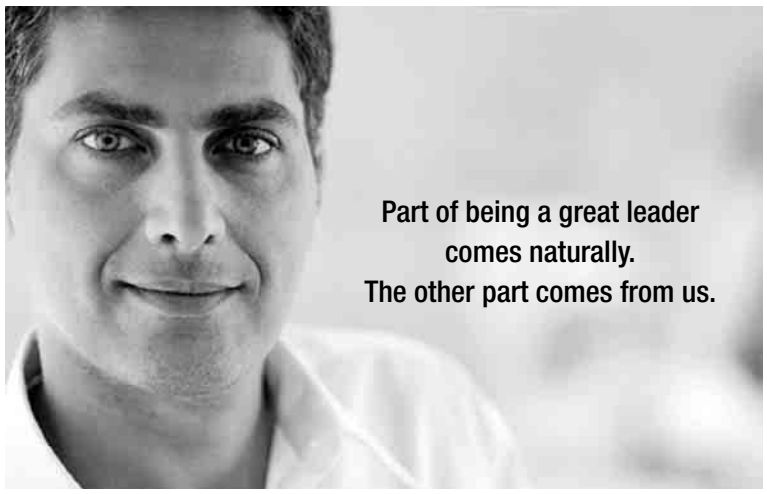
What can you do to remedy the situation?
Create a world where you get other people around you to call you on it and you actually try to modify your behavior. To me, that's the heart of it. It's creating a psychological safety to be called on it.

The idea that you can call your boss a jerk and your boss thanks you; that's very hard to do. I don't feel safe doing that with my current boss.

You say the chapter on the virtues of a--holes was the one you least wanted to write. Why? And are there really positive traits?
I wish this wasn't true, but there are at least two positive effects. If you come across as angry, people view you as a more legitimate leader than if you're apologetic or sad or soft.

Then there's this thing called "brilliant but cool" phenomenon. If you give people feedback about their performance, especially with negative comments, you come across as smarter. It's the Simon Cowell effect. With the addition of personal insults, [the "American Idol" judge] will say something like what Paula or Randy said and be seen as smarter. With "brilliant but cool," for some reason, our culture gives us extra IQ points for being mean.

But from my perspective, when people act like that and win, they tend to misattribute their winnings. If you're a winner and an a--hole, you're still an a--hole, and I don't want to be anywhere near you.



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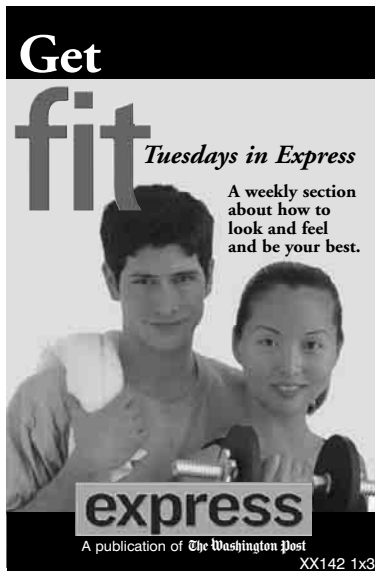

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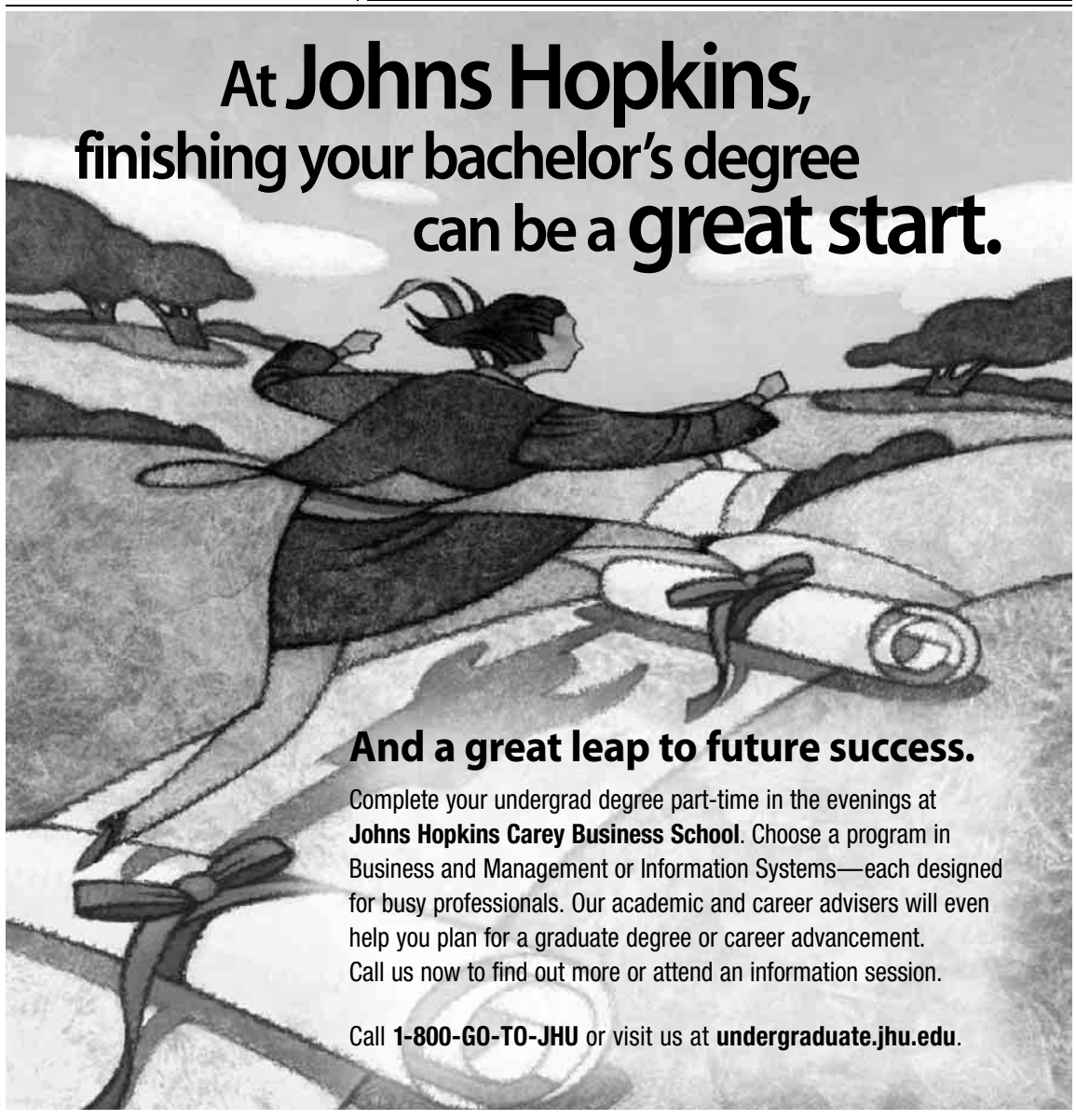

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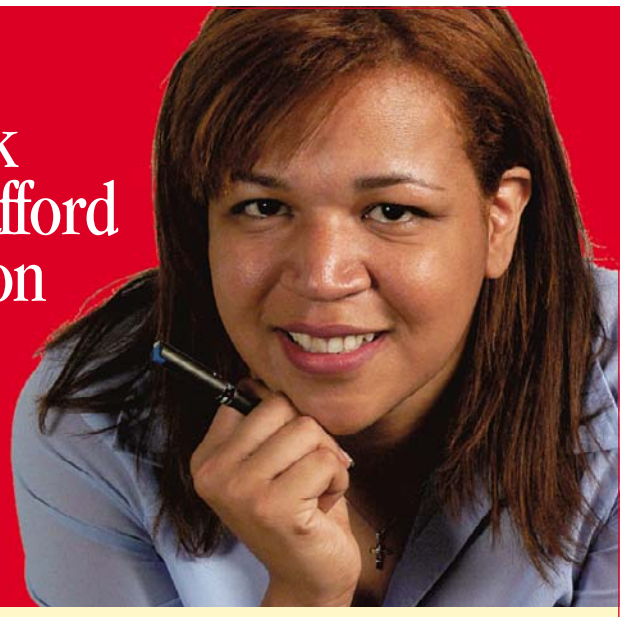

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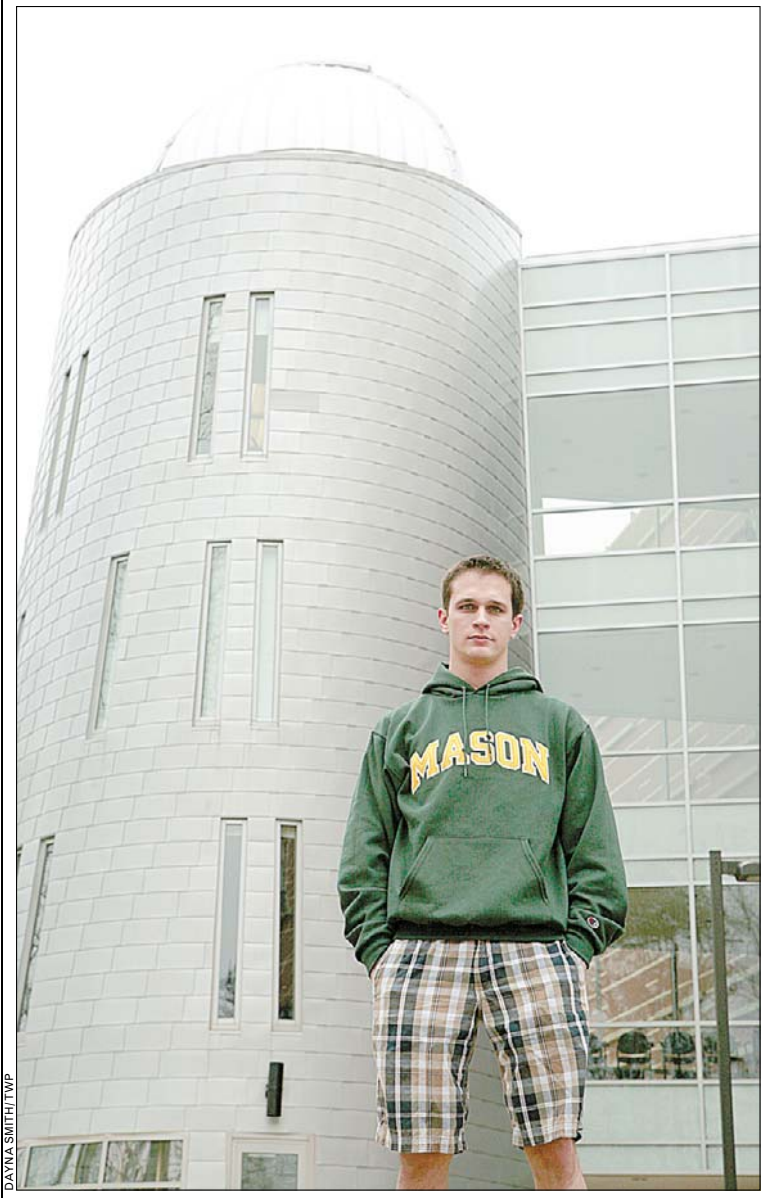

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Senior Michael Gagnon doesn't worry about landing his first job after he graduates in May. The D.C. metro area is home to 10 percent of the nation's IT workers.

Sunny & Clearance

Tech workers bask in a different kind of security post-9/11

At a job fair last week, Michael Gagnon passed out the impressive resume he'd already posted on Monster.com. It lists his prized internships with defense contractors, the dozen computer programming languages he knows inside and out, and the 4.0 average he has maintained in computer science classes at George Mason University.

The recruiters went down the list of must-have qualities. Know Java? Check. U.S. citizen? Check. Got a security clearance? Bonus points.

As of last week, he'd received about 10 calls from companies that can't hire information technology

workers fast enough. Contracting giants Northrop Grumman, Lockheed Martin and SAIC have shown interest, and he has received inquiries from local tech start-ups, a consulting firm in Massachusetts and even Google.

"I feel like a commodity in some ways," said Gagnon, 23, in a telephone interview from the Fairfax campus research lab where he works.

If he is, he's a highly desirable one. A study by the Greater Washington Initiative shows that since 1999 Washington's information technology work force has grown, on average, 8 percent a year — three times the national rate. Most of those jobs have been in computer programming and systems design.

The bursting of the dot-com bubble put a crimp in growth, but industry experts say this region recovered and expanded because of the post-Sept. 11 government contracting boom.

> "I don't think people like me will stay [in D.C.] if they aren't offered as stimulating opportunities as there are elsewhere. It seems everyone here does consulting, and that's just not for me."
>
> **MICHAEL GAGNON**, JOB SEEKER

Today, the study says, 10 percent of the nation's IT workers — about 202,500 people — are in the metropolitan Washington area. That includes software engineers, network analysts and database administrators.

As local opportunities expand, there aren't enough people to fill them. Between 1999 and 2005, the region added 36,000 software engineering jobs and 9,000 computer support specialists, the study shows. The problem is compounded by the fact that many IT jobs require security clearances, which can take nearly two years to obtain. People who've obtained clearance through internships or previous jobs have an edge.

"Some companies say they don't have work for me," Gagnon said. "But then they say, 'Wait a minute — do you have a clearance?'"

Gagnon will graduate in May, so he's considering his options. Most companies that want to hire him are offering jobs in software development or programming, but those bore him. His passion is in computer-security research — finding new ways to protect software from super-stealth viruses and other threats. And those jobs are harder to come by in this area.

So, Gagnon is leaning toward a potential job-scholarship package at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he could get a graduate degree while working in a nonprofit research lab.

Many of his classmates are also juggling a glut of job inquiries from both local and out-of-town companies. A lot of them would like to stay in the area, he says, but they are also looking for "more innovative work."

"I don't think people like me will stay here if they aren't offered as stimulating opportunities as there are elsewhere," he said. "It seems everyone here does consulting, and that's just not for me right now."

In the tech community, there's often a buzz about interesting projects, said Kathleen Smith of ClearedJobs.net in Falls Church, which helps firms find workers with security clearances.

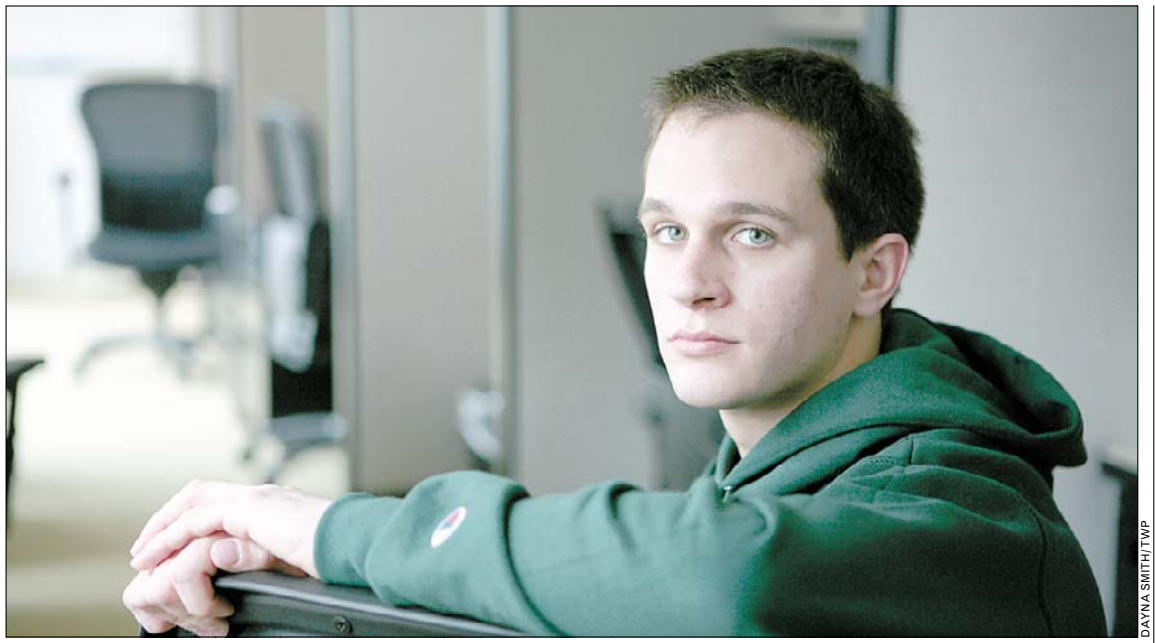
"Some people only want to work on the next hot thing," she said. "In this town, your cachet is dependent on which new, cutting-edge, exciting project you are working."

This leaves projects considered old hat more difficult to fill, she said, because IT professionals want to work on something that will build their resume, improve their skills and impress their colleagues.

Meanwhile, national companies continue to open offices in Washington. And large systems integrators keep scrambling for workers: Booz Allen Hamilton, for instance, has 200 IT job openings in Virginia.

From where Gagnon stands, the supply doesn't seem to be falling too short of the demand.

"I don't see employers begging for people to fill jobs," he said, "but I don't think any of my friends will have a problem finding something here." KIM HART (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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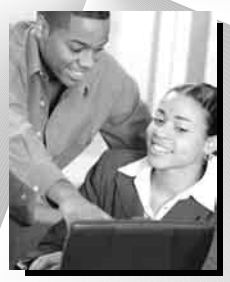

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FOLLOWING A LEARNING CURVE: Tricia Virts, shown in her Ashburn school, gave up a telecom job to pursue teaching.

Back to the Classroom

Virginia program trains professionals to become teachers

Two years ago, Tricia Virts was earning a six-figure salary from the communications company Sprint as a technical support staff manager. Now she earns a third of her former pay, teaching basic computer skills at Eagle Ridge Middle School in Ashburn so that students can start preparing for business careers of their own.

"One day, I just decided. I always wanted to be a teacher, and if I didn't do it now, I was never going to do it," said the 46-year old mother of three.

Virts is one of more than 1,500 career switchers in Virginia who have taken part in a program that trains working professionals to adapt their skills and experiences to the classroom.

In the past two decades, nearly every state has developed initiatives to recruit workers to teach subjects with critical teacher shortages, such as math, foreign languages, science and technology education. The programs make it easier for professionals to switch tracks to become teachers without having to start the required course work from the beginning.

The Virginia General Assembly created a pilot program in 2000, first targeting 100 military personnel. Now the program is open to a range of working professionals.

Anastasia P. Samaras, coordinator of the Career Switcher Program at George Mason University, said the classes draw people from many backgrounds. She listed a few: "chemists, biologists with Ph.D.s ... people who worked on the Hill, restaurant managers, retired military, rocket scientists ... Earth scientists."

Samaras said previous experience with deadlines, teamwork and accountability translate well to teaching. "These people are experts in their fields and really hit the ground running. They are really top candidates," she said.

George Mason is one of nine institutions that train career switchers under the program. Many graduates go on to jobs in Prince William, Arlington and Fairfax counties and elsewhere in Northern Virginia. Virts did her course work at the Shenandoah University campus in Leesburg.

Each program is structured differently, but at minimum, applicants need a bachelor's degree, five years of work experience, course work in

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Virginia's Tricia Virts switched careers to teach. Now in her first year at Ashburn's Eagle Ridge Middle School, she guides student Victor Shen in the computer lab.

their subject area and a passing score on a standardized teaching exam.

In the first year of study, they learn the basics of pedagogy, classroom and behavior management and human growth and development. Most classes are at night and on weekends, so they can continue working.

After that, they can receive a one-year license, called an eligibility license, to begin teaching. The license is different from the three-year provisional license sometimes granted to other teachers in training who do not have degrees or credentials in a particular subject area.

> "I always wanted to be a teacher, and if I didn't do it now, I was never going to do it."
>
> **TRICIA VIRTS**, TEACHER

Because these teachers have demonstrated competence in their subjects, they are also considered highly qualified under the federal No Child Left Behind Act — a major attraction to school systems that recruit them.

During their first year of teaching, they attend seminars on instructional techniques and are assigned a mentor. Patty Pitts, assistant superintendent for teacher education and licensure in Virginia, said this is a key part of the program.

"We know that mentoring is so important to the success of a teacher, and many times to how long the teacher stays in the classroom," she said.

After one year of successful teaching, the teachers are eligible to apply for a professional license.

Virts is a few months away from completing her first year in the classroom. So far, she likes her new job. "It makes you feel so young," she said.

But she acknowledged: "It's harder than I thought it would be."

Virts said she didn't anticipate the amount of preparation time needed outside of the classroom and how much time she would spend working with parents.

She's also adjusting to the cut in pay. Her family has been cutting back on travel and eating out to adjust to the new budget. But she said her children are glad she's home more and not always staring at her BlackBerry or answering calls late in the evening.

"I do think teachers are underpaid," she said. "But I think it's a great profession." MICHAEL ALISON CHANDLER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Heather O'Brien graduates from Georgetown University this spring with an education in biology, in English, in history. She leaves with a newfound conviction that she should work in the ministry. And with about $63,000 in debt.

"When I got here," she said, "finances were the last thing on my mind. I was on my own for the first time, in a new place. It was very exciting — and it seemed like college would last forever."

Now, she's taking one last set of classes. It's a sort of Real World 101, a crash course in money: Georgetown is offering a series of financial literacy workshops for seniors, covering such topics as loan repayment and consolidation, spending, credit cards, taxes and benefits.

The professors and other financial experts leading the classes all say the same thing: If only I'd known this when I was your age.

"These are lessons best learned young," said adjunct business professor Michael Ryan, "when there's not a lot on the line."

> "We get the sense that students don't really understand how money works."
>
> **GREG PASQUA**, GEORGETOWN

Students are leaving college with more debt than ever, now that more of them have to rely on loans, tuition keeps rising and credit cards are being pushed on many campuses. The median education loan debt is nearly $20,000 for full-time students at four-year colleges. And that's not including credit cards; more than half of students surveyed this winter by Sallie Mae had piled on more than $5,000 in debt in school. And one-third added more than $10,000 in credit card debt.

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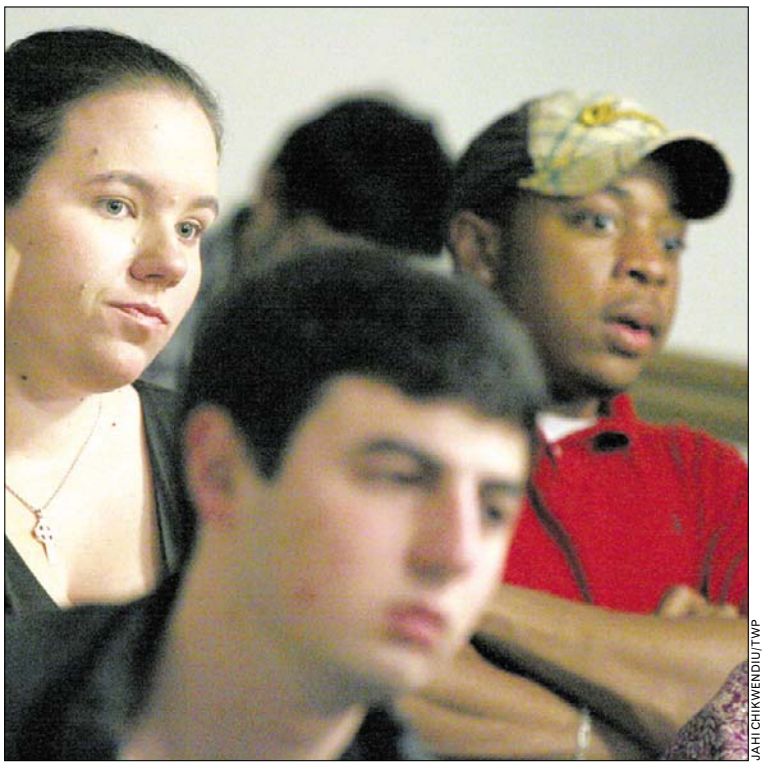

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Heather O'Brien, left, and other Georgetown students participate in a financial literacy class offered to graduating seniors to help them better understand money.

struggling to afford college; nearly a quarter charge part of their tuition. And most need to get used to managing expenses, learning — often the hard way — as they go along.

Now some schools are adding courses on financial basics. Beginning this academic year in Virginia, for example, public universities are required to offer some financial literacy training, said Barry Simmons, Virginia Tech's director of scholarships and financial aid. The school designed an optional online class, covering budgeting, credit cards and other basics for freshmen. The University of Virginia has a pilot program, too.

Financial companies offer occasional courses on campus, and some have pitched in with the Georgetown classes. The added focus comes as scrutiny of universities' relationships with lenders increases and as Congress moves to ease the burden on students.

Some students arrive on campus used to managing credit, balancing budgets, maybe even trading stocks. But others aren't.

"We get the sense that students don't really understand how money works," said Greg Pasqua, a senior at Georgetown who heads the student-run credit union and helped organize the seminars. "People do things that aren't very intelligent with their money. Overdraw accounts six times on $2 purchases, and get hit with six fees for buying bubble gum. Or get reported to Equifax because you didn't pay your loan on time, and you're, like, 'I'll get it next time.'"

Ryan said, "It's amazing what some students don't know — that 30 to 40 percent of their proceeds will be taxed away. ... Even basic things like 401(k)s," or whether they should put money into the pretax retirement savings accounts.

At two recent workshops at Georgetown, students interrupted to ask, "What is a 401(k), anyway?"

So, professors and other experts sorted through the unfamiliar names and the jargon, explained the types of benefit choices they'll be expected to make, how to figure out what their monthly loan payments and take-home pay will be, and how to invest in their 20s.

It's not difficult stuff. It's just — who has time to think about credit scores and interest rates when there's so much else going on?

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think about how to give back.

So she didn't pay too much attention to the details of the loans she was taking out. "When I was a freshman, I was like, 'Loans, great! I don't have to pay them back 'til I stop going to school — cool.'"

It's not just tuition (which is a hefty $33,000-plus this year, before housing, books and fees.) In Georgetown, with shops selling $200 jeans and bars mixing $15 cocktails, there are plenty of ways to bleed money within stumbling distance of campus.

O'Brien didn't make any big mistakes; she was careful. She knew she didn't want to drop a couple weeks of paychecks from her on-campus job on a shirt from some little boutique nearby; she'd rather take a bus to shop somewhere cheaper. She's not a big drinker, so she doesn't wake up wondering what happened to her wallet. But she does like ordering music and books online, and she didn't realize how quickly it could add up.

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Heather O'Brien, Chue Yang and Fatema Khimj listen in financial literacy class.

"It wasn't until senior year, when I had to pay my own rent and pay utilities, that I really understood what $60,000 was," she said, referring to her tuition debt.

This year, too, she started setting rules for herself. "I eat lunch on campus once a week and pack my lunch the other days." And she limits her online purchases to $20 a month. She opened a separate account for her rent money so she's not tempted to dip into it.

The classes have already changed her mind-set, she said. She learned about interest rates and credit scores. "I have had a couple of late payments that dinged me. I just thought, 'Oh, one day late, not a big deal.'" But in the class she learned that could cost major benefits. "If you go three years [paying] on time, you could have a 3 percent decrease in the interest rate — which is amazing."

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> **HEATHER O'BRIEN**, STUDENT

She doesn't regret taking out the loans; she had so many great classes at Georgetown that she kept switching majors, from pre-med to English and so on. "This is the place that made me who I am," she said, "The ideals, the professors, the chaplains, the friends I made."

She's excited to become a chaplain or a grief and crisis counselor at a hospital after graduate school. She knows she won't get paid much, but she's absolutely sure it's what she's meant to do.

"There are some things I look back and wish they were different," she said. She might have taken out smaller loans, with less money for expenses. "I might have had more of a realization that all of that was [racking up] interest and would take a long time to pay back."

Now she has a better idea of how to manage loans and evaluate benefits and salary. The classes reminded her to budget carefully and put money away for retirement when she can.

Then again, she's not sure that had she learned all this earlier it would have changed many of the decisions she made. "Graduation," she said, "was so far away." SUSAN KINZIE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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A woman in my office smokes. She follows the building rules and does it outside, but I am pretty sure she gets her cigarettes from 1954 Russia because she smells terribly smoky all the time. It's awful to have her walk by her desk, and there's always a scramble to avoid sitting next to her in meetings. Is there anything that can be done?

Unless your company bans smoking even on the outside, there will be little you can do but protect yourself. Make sure your boss knows you can't sit near her for health reasons (or whatever) and get yourself a fan.

Companies are really starting to ban smoking on all company property, including outside. Maybe yours will start to do the same. Maybe not. But you can look into that option and propose it if the smoking issue really is such a drag.

My wife worked for a very small nonprofit and was terminated last week without notice. Her supervisors did not provide any substantial explanation other than that they're looking for a different set of skills. She has worked for them for eight months and she went through an evaluation earlier this year and things were good. Is there anything we can do? As it is a very small nonprofit, the company does not have an HR person. Does it violate any employment laws?

Most likely, laws have not been broken. Unless you're a member of a union, most companies can fire you for any reason. (Except those protected by law: race, religion, sex, etc.)

I'm very sorry for your wife, but it seems like it would be best if she picked up quickly and tried to find a new gig. It would be completely understandable/fair for her to go and ask her manager or supervisor for real reasons as to why she was fired and ask what they would say if she asked them for a reference. Also make sure she has a copy of that good evaluation.

Last of all, remind her that she probably wouldn't want to work for this organization anyway.

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I work in a fairly relaxed office (social service nonprofit world), but while things are laid back, they are not so laid back that one can wear flip-flops to work. Yet this is what I did today. It was a mistake. Do I even say anything about it? No one has said anything.

You made a mistake. If you feel weird about it, tell your boss. If you think you can get through the next six hours or so without ruining your career, chalk it up to an oops and bring in an extra just-in-case pair of shoes to store at your desk for next time.

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